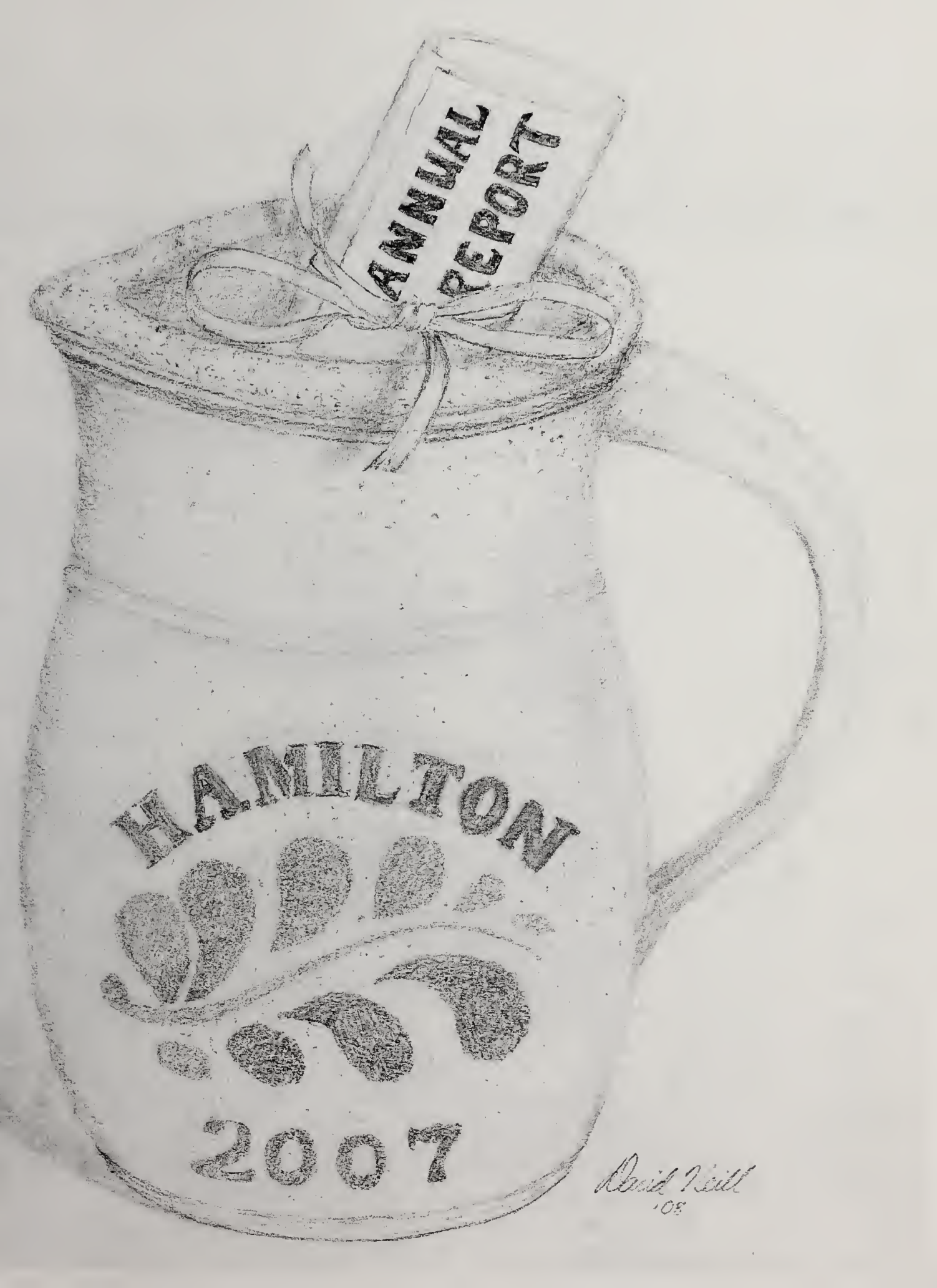
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2007 Annual Report

Town of Hamilton
Essex County
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

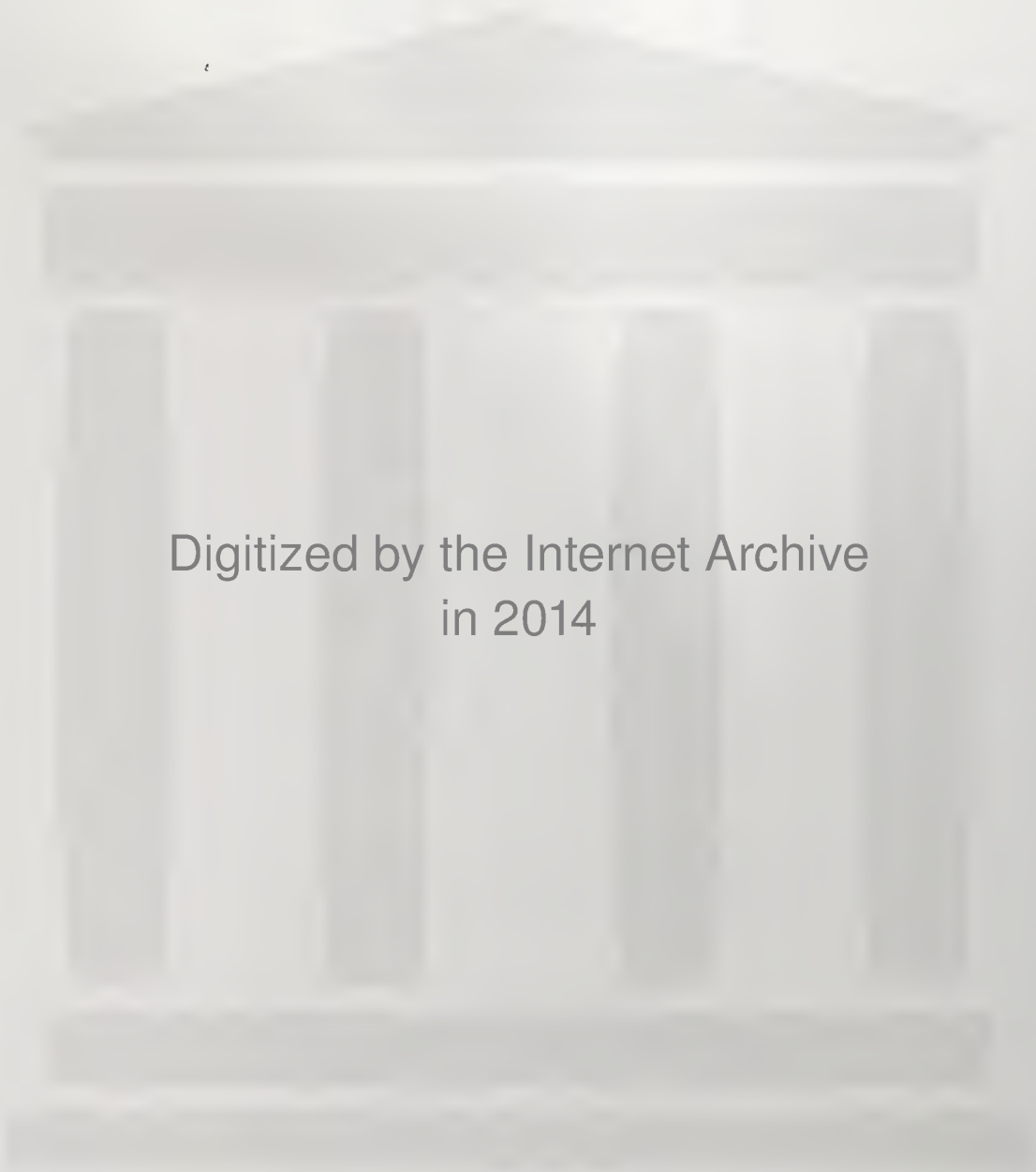
Incorporated June 21, 1793
Area 14.99 Square Miles
Town Population 8374

Sixth Congressional District
Fifth Councilor District
First Essex and Middlesex Senatorial District
Fourth Essex Representative District

State Officials
Congressman: John Tierney of Salem
Senator: Bruce E. Tarr of Gloucester
Representative: Brad Hill of Ipswich

Town Hall Hours
Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

In Memoriam *
Bonnie Schultz
Richard Vitale
* Residents who had served in town government



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WHO'S WHO
TOWN EMPLOYEES

Department	Last Name	First Name	Position	# of Hours	FTE
Accounting	Katz	Dyan	Assistant	25.00	0.67
Accounting	Nippes-Mena	Deborah	Dept. Head	37.50	1.00
Assessors	Donovan	Margaret	Assistant	37.50	1.00
Assessors	Hogan	Thomas	Value Consultant	10.00	0.27
Assessors	Nolan	Robin	Dept. Head	37.50	1.00
Board of Health	Cole	Doris	Assistant	2.75	0.07
Board of Health	Giacalone	Frank	Inspector	11.00	0.29
Board of Health	Jacobi	John	Health Agent	1.00	0.03
Board of Health	Messelaar	Gail	Assistant	37.50	1.00
Board of Selectmen	Dooley	Jane	Minutes Secretary	10.00	0.27
Board of Selectmen	Jenkins	Allison	Assistant	37.50	1.00
Board of Selectmen	Timpani	Robert	Custodian	40.00	1.00
Board of Selectmen	Wheeler	Candace	Dept. Head	37.50	1.00
Building Department	Paskowski	Debra	Assistant	37.50	1.00
Community Preservation	Berry	Christine	Assistant	13.00	0.35
Conservation	Hankin	James	Coordinator	20.00	0.53
Conservation	Smith	Ann	Minutes Secretary	5.00	0.13
Council On Aging	Snavely	Lindsey	Coordinator	8.00	0.21
DPW	Allen	Harold	DPW Employee	40.00	1.00
DPW	Campana	Richard	Foreman	40.00	1.00
DPW	Kureta	Gary	DPW Employee	40.00	1.00
DPW	Mazzetta	Jeffrey	DPW Employee	40.00	1.00
DPW	Muise	Ivan	DPW Employee	40.00	1.00
DPW	Painchaud	Andre	DPW Employee	40.00	1.00
DPW	Rigol	Paul	DPW Employee	40.00	1.00
DPW	Shea	Joseph	Foreman	40.00	1.00
DPW	Stevens	Nancy	Assistant	37.50	1.00
DPW	Stevens	Gregory	DPW Employee	40.00	1.00
DPW	Tomasz	John	Dept. Head	40.00	1.00
DPW	Cobb	Peter	DPW Employee	40.00	1.00
Emergency Center	Achadinha	Joe	Dispatcher	40.00	1.00
Emergency Center	Brand	Kenneth	Dispatcher	21.00	0.53
Emergency Center	Cullen	Anne Marie	Dept. Head	40.00	1.00
Emergency Center	Harrison	Kevin	Dispatcher	40.00	1.00
Emergency Center	Holloran	Keith	Dispatcher	40.00	1.00
Emergency Center	McNeilly	James	Dispatcher	21.00	0.53
Emergency Center	Pratt	Brian	Dispatcher	40.00	1.00

Note: The TOWN EMPLOYEES Report lists only those employees paid via the Town's payroll system. It does not include staffing of the Hamilton – Wenham Regional School District.

WHO'S WHO
TOWN EMPLOYEES

Department	Last Name	First Name	Position	# of Hours	FTE
Fire Department	Allen	Joseph	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Ayer	Richard	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Brand	Kenneth	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Brunet	Raymond	Firefighter	40.00	1.00
Fire Department	Clark	Brandon	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Clark	Jeremy	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Cobb	Peter	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Collins	Stephen	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Day	Frederick	Chaplain	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Dolan	Jared	Auxiliary		
Fire Department	Dolan	David	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Dolliver	Michael	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Ellis	Kristine	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Ellison	Andrew	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Ellison	Daniel	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Goodwin	Ryan	Auxiliary		
Fire Department	Goodwin	Mark	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Hill	Brian	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Howard	Channing	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Jenkins	Sidney	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Killam	Donald	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Lees	Ronald	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Mcinnis	Steven	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Mullin	Edmund	Firefighter	40.00	1.00
Fire Department	Painchaud	Lukas	Auxiliary		
Fire Department	Painchaud	Andre	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Parsons	Daniel	Firefighter	40.00	1.00
Fire Department	Preston	Glenn	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Preston	Kevin	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Shaughnessy	David	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Shaw	Alexander	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Stevens	Philip	Fire Chief	40.00	1.00
Fire Department	Tarr	Erick	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Tilley	Justin	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Twomey	Michael	On Call	4.50	0.11
Fire Department	Walton	Peter	On Call	4.50	0.11
Planning Department	Nelson	Jean	Coordinator	26.00	0.69

WHO'S WHO
TOWN EMPLOYEES

Department	Last Name	First Name	Position	# of Hours	FTE
Police Department	Achadinha	Joe	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Bubriski	Judith	Assistant	20.00	0.50
Police Department	Cross	Jeffrey	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Cullen	Walter	Police Chief	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Cullen	Sean	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Donovan	Matthew	Officer	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Downey	Charles	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Dupray	Donald	Sergeant	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Flint	Donna	Matron	1.00	0.03
Police Department	Friedman	Stephen	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Girolimon	Michael	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Grant	Paul	Sergeant	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Hatfield	Arthur	Officer	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Holloran	Keith	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Janes	Scott	Sergeant	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Katz	Dyan	Payroll Clerk	4.00	0.11
Police Department	Marchand	Michael	Officer	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Marino	Samuel	Custodian	17.00	0.43
Police Department	Mastrianni	David	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Nagy	Kenneth	Officer	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Neill	Andrew	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Nyland	Robert	Lieutenant	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Painchaud	Sandra	Matron	1.00	0.03
Police Department	Richards	Kent	Officer	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Seaver	Edward	Lock Up	1.00	0.03
Police Department	Shaw	Brian	Officer	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Shedden	Kenneth	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Shedden	Mathew	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Swisher	Nathan	Reserve Officer	3.08	0.08
Police Department	Trepanier	Stephen	Officer	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Wallace	Karen	Officer	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Walsh	Stephen	Officer	40.00	1.00
Police Department	Wetson	Michael	Officer	40.00	1.00
Recreation Department	Brown	Diane	Assistant	20.00	0.53
Recreation Department	Whitesell	Margaret	Dept. Head	37.50	1.00
Town Clerk	Larcom	Christine	Assistant	30.00	0.80
Town Clerk	Wetson	Jane	Dept. Head	37.50	1.00
Treasurer/Collector	Booth	Cheryl	Dept. Head	37.50	1.00
Treasurer/Collector	McLoughlin	Margaret	Assistant	37.50	1.00
Treasurer/Collector	TBD	TBD	Assistant	25.00	0.67
Water Department	Dolan	David	DPW Employee	40.00	1.00
Water Department	Hannable	Gail	Assistant	37.50	1.00
Water Department	Shea	Timothy	Assistant	40.00	1.00
Web Services	Frerk	Marissa	Assistant	6.00	0.16
Zoning Boards of Appeal	Shai	Christine	Minutes Secretary	5.00	0.13

WHO'S WHO
OFFICIALS RECEIVING STIPENDS

Department	Last Name	First Name	Position
Assessors	Campbell	Gelean	Committee Member
Assessors	Ozahowski	Steven	Committee Member
Assessors	Kane	Peter	Committee Member
Board of Health	Druschel	Stephen	Committee Member
Board of Selectmen	Bowler	William	Selectmen
Board of Selectmen	Carey	David	Selectmen
Board of Selectmen	Low	Richard	Selectmen
Building Department	Brett	Charles	Inspector
Building Department	Brown	Robert	Inspector
Building Department	Thomas	William	Inspector
Building Department	Unger	Mark	Inspector
Police Department	Blanchard	Robert	Asst. Harbor Master
Police Department	Kavanagh	Stephen	Deer Officer
Police Department	Katz	Dyan	Animal Officer
Sealer of Weights and Measure	Rose	Robert	Sealer
Town Clerk	Whipple	Elaine	Clerical
Zoning Boards of Appeal	Ganister	Beth	Committee Member

WHO'S WHO
TOWN EMPLOYEES
SUMMARY

EMPLOYEE TYPE	PT	Non-Paid PT	On-Call	Officials w/ Stipend	FT	Total	FTEs
	37	3	28	17	51	136	63

DEPARTMENT	PT	Non-Paid PT	On Call / Reserve Officer	Officials w/ Stipend	FT	Total	FTEs	% of Total Staff
Accounting	1				1	**2**	**1.67**	2.6%
Assessors	1			3	2	**6**	**2.27**	3.6%
Board Of Health	3			1	1	**5**	**1.39**	2.2%
Board Of Selectmen	1			3	3	**7**	**3.27**	5.2%
Building Department				4	1	**5**	**1.00**	1.6%
Community Preservation	1					**1**	**0.35**	0.6%
Council On Aging	1					**1**	**0.21**	0.3%
Conservation Commission	2					**2**	**0.67**	1.1%
Department of Public Works					12	**12**	**12.00**	18.9%
Emergency Communications	2				5	**7**	**5.90**	9.3%
Fire Department	1	3	28		4	**36**	**7.75**	12.2%
Planning Department	1					**1**	**0.69**	1.1%
Police Department	6		12	3	15	**36**	**17.03**	26.8%
Recreation Department	1				1	**2**	**1.53**	2.4%
Sealers of Weights				1		**1**	**0.00**	0.0%
Town Clerk	1			1	1	**3**	**1.80**	2.8%
Treasurer/Collector	1				2	**3**	**2.67**	4.2%
Water Department					3	**3**	**3.00**	4.7%
Web Services	1					**1**	**0.16**	0.3%
Zoning Board of Appeals	1			1		**2**	**0.13**	0.2%
TOTAL	**25**	**3**	**40**	**17**	**51**	**136**	**63**	**100%**

Note: The report lists only those employees paid via the Town payroll system and the total FTE Category excludes seasonal help (DPW and Recreation Departments).

APPOINTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Board of Selectmen and Town employees would like to take this time to thank the numerous volunteers to the Town of Hamilton, without whom we could not have the community we all love.

Appointed By or Elected	Board/Office/Committee	First Name	Last Name	Date Appointment /Election Expires
Appt'd by BOS	Agricultural Commission	Peter	Britton	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Agricultural Commission	Stephen	Druschel	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Agricultural Commission	Susan	Lawrence	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Agricultural Commission	Camilla	Rich	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Agricultural Commission	Andrew	Rodgers	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Agricultural Commission, Alt	Susan	Sandler	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Animal Control Officer	Stephen	Kavanagh	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Animal Inspector	Anne	Jackman	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Animal Inspector	Dyan	Katz	6/30/2008
Elected	Board of Assessor	Gelean	Campbell	May-08
Elected	Board of Assessor	Peter	Kane	May-08
Elected	Board of Assessor	Steven	Ozahowski	May-08
Appt'd by BOS	Board of Health	Joanne	Ainsworth	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Board of Health	Stephen	Druschel	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Board of Health	Rodd	Stockwell	6/30/2009
Elected	Board of Selectmen	William	Bowler	May-08
Elected	Board of Selectmen	David	Carey	May-09
Elected	Board of Selectmen	Richard	Low	May-10
Appt'd by BOS	Budget Process Committee	William	Bowler	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Budget Process Committee	Laura	Jones	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Budget Process Committee	Jane Dever	Prince	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Budget Process Committee	Candace	Wheeler	6/30/2008
Appt'd by Joint BOS	Hamilton-Wenham Community Access and Media, Inc.	Philip	Conrad	9/17/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton-Wenham Community Access and Media, Inc.	Kimberly	Jaeger	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton-Wenham Community Access and Media, Inc.	Leigh	Keyser	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton-Wenham Community Access and Media, Inc.	Robert	MacKean	6/30/2009
Appt'd by Wenham BOS	Hamilton-Wenham Community Access and Media, Inc.	Bill	Nichols	6/30/2008
Appt'd by Wenham BOS	Hamilton-Wenham Community Access and Media, Inc.	Bob	Popadic	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Capital Management Advisory Committee	Steve	Loeper	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Capital Management Advisory Committee	TBD	TBD	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Capital Management Advisory Committee	Candace	Wheeler	6/30/2008
Appt'd by Hamilton Con Com	Chebacco Woods Management	Virginia	Cookson	
Appt'd by BOS	Chebacco Woods Management	Susanna	McLaughlin	6/30/2009
Manchester	Chebacco Woods Management	Ralph	Smith	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Chebacco Woods Management	Rick	Vancisin	6/30/2010
Employee	Community Preservation Committee	Christine	Berry	6/30/2008
Designated by the Housing Partnership Committee	Community Preservation Committee	Peter	Britton	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS, must be member of the BOS	Community Preservation Committee	David	Carey	6/30/2009

Appointed By or Elected	Board/Office/Committee	First Name	Last Name	Date Appointment /Election Expires
Designated by the Historical District Commission	Community Preservation Committee	Thomas	Catalano	6/30/2009
Designated by the Planning Board	Community Preservation Committee	Peter	Clark	6/30/2008
Designated by Con Comm	Community Preservation Committee	Peter	Dana	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Community Preservation Committee	Christopher	Davis	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Community Preservation Committee	Leigh	Keyser	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Community Preservation Committee	Raymond	Whipple	6/30/2010
Designated by Joint Recreation Committee	Community Preservation Committee	Lindle	Willnow	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Conservation Commission	Virginia	Cookson	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Conservation Commission	Robert	Cronin	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Conservation Commission	Peter	Dana	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Conservation Commission	Sarah	Getchell	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Conservation Commission	John	Hamilton	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Conservation Commission	Camilla	Rich	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Conservation Commission	TBD	TBD	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Constable	Walter	Cullen	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Constable	Robert	Poole	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Council on Aging	Carol	Castle	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Council on Aging	TBD	TBD	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Council on Aging	Barbara	Essensa	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Council on Aging	Theresa	Fanning	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Council on Aging	William	Jenkins	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Council on Aging	Madeline	Liberti	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Council on Aging	Mary	Maione	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Dog Officer	Dyan	Katz	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Economic Development Committee	Robert	Bullivant	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Economic Development Committee	William	Gisness	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Economic Development Committee	Peter	Gourdeau	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Economic Development Committee	David	Lemons	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Economic Development Committee	Carl	Swanson	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Emergency Communications Board	Anne Marie	Cullen	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Emergency Communications Board	Walter	Cullen	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Emergency Communications Board	Phillip	Stevens	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Emergency Communications Board	John	Tomasz	TBD
Appt'd by BOS	Emergency Management/LEPC	Walter	Cullen	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Federal Census Liaison	Jane	Wetson	6/30/2008
Nom'd by BOS Appt'd by Moderator	Finance and Advisory Committee	Daniel	Bukkhegyi	6/30/2009
Nom'd by BOS Appt'd by Moderator	Finance and Advisory Committee	Robert	Bullivant	6/30/2010
Appt'd by Moderator	Finance and Advisory Committee	Arthur	Oberheim	6/30/2010
Appt'd by Moderator	Finance and Advisory Committee	Jane Dever	Prince	6/30/2008
Appt'd by Moderator	Finance and Advisory Committee	Alexander	Shaw	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Auxiliary	Walter	Christiansen	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Auxiliary	Jared	Dolan	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Auxiliary	Ryan	Goodwin	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Auxiliary	Luke	Painchaud	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Captain	Daniel	Ellison	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Captain	Mark	Goodwin	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Chaplain	Fred	Day	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Chief	Philip	Stevens, Jr.	6/30/2010

Appointed By or Elected	Board/Office/Committee	First Name	Last Name	Date Appointment /Election Expires
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Chief	Kenneth	Brand	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Chief	Channing	Howard	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Chief	Daniel	Parsons	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Forest Warden	Joseph	Allen	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Forest Warden	Kenneth	Brand	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Forest Warden	Raymond	Brunet	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Forest Warden	Daniel	Ellison	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Forest Warden	Mark	Goodwin	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Forest Warden	Channing	Howard	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Forest Warden	Edmund	Mullin, Jr.	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Forest Warden	Daniel	Parsons	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Deputy Forest Warden	Michael	Twomey	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Richard	Ayer	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Brandon	Clark	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Jeremy	Clark	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Peter	Cobb	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Stephen	Collins	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	David	Dolan	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Michael	Dolliver	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Kristine	Ellis	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Andrew	Ellison	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Paul	Friedel	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Brian	Hill	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Sidney	Jenkins	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Steven	McInnis	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Edmund	Mullin, Jr.	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Andre	Painchaud	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Glenn	Preston	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Kevin	Preston	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Alexander	Shaw	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Eric	Tarr	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Justin	Tilley	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Firefighter	Peter	Walton	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Forest Warden	Philip	Stevens, Jr.	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Hazardous Waste Coordinator	Daniel	Parsons	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Lieutenant	Joseph	Allen	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Lieutenant	Raymond	Brunet	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Lieutenant	David	Shaughnessy	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Lieutenant	Michael	Twomey	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Photographer	Sandra	Painchaud	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Safety Officer	Donald	Killam	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Safety Officer	Ronald	Lees	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Fire Dept. - Training Instructor	Kenneth	Shedden	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Government Study	William	Friend	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Government Study	Carin	Kale	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Government Study	Barbara	Lawrence	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Government Study	Jack	Lawrence	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Government Study	Anne	Minois	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Government Study	Robert	Nyland	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Government Study	Susan	Rothchild	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Government Study	Bill	Shields	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Government Study	Susan	Wiltshire	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Foundation	Aletta	Bond	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Foundation	Loretta	Cusick	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Foundation	Heather	Ford	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Foundation	Mark	Herrick	6/30/2008

Appointed By or Elected	Board/Office/Committee	First Name	Last Name	Date Appointment /Election Expires
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Foundation	Julie	Nagazina	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Foundation	Kevin	Rich	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Foundation	TBD	TBD	
Wenham	Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council	Lorrie	Berry	
Wenham	Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council	Mary	Buntin	
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council	Meredith	Gisness	6/30/2011
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council	Beth	McLeod	6/30/2013
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council	Roberta	Perkins	6/30/2013
Wenham	Hamilton Wenham Cultural Council	Elizabeth	Roberts	
Elected	Hamilton Wenham Public Library Trustee	Annette	Janes	May-09
Elected	Hamilton Wenham Public Library Trustee	Madelyn	Liberti	May-10
Elected	Hamilton Wenham Public Library Trustee	Joanne	Ridinger	May-08
Elected	Hamilton Wenham Public Library Trustee	Elizabeth	Stanton	May-09
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Recreation Board	Jay	Butler	6/30/2010
Appt'd by Wenham BOS	Hamilton Wenham Recreation Board	Dennis	Curran	6/30/2008
Appt'd by Wenham BOS	Hamilton Wenham Recreation Board	Bob	Kerrigan	6/30/2008
Appt'd by Wenham BOS	Hamilton Wenham Recreation Board	Renee	LaForce MacDonald	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Recreation Board	Jane	Lyman	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Recreation Board	Lindle	Willnow	6/30/2010
Elected	Hamilton Wenham School Committee	Denise	Bisaillon	May-10
Elected	Hamilton Wenham School Committee	Richard	Boroff	May-08
Elected	Hamilton Wenham School Committee	Donald	Gallant	May-10
Elected	Hamilton Wenham School Committee	Lisa	Gaquin	May-10
Elected	Hamilton Wenham School Committee	Catherine	Harrison	May-08
Elected	Hamilton Wenham School Committee	William	Martin	May-08
Elected	Hamilton Wenham School Committee	Alexa	McCloughan	May-09
Elected	Hamilton Wenham School Committee	John	O'Keefe	May-09
Elected	Hamilton Wenham School Committee	Laurie	Wilson	May-09
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Technology Committee	Tom	Cannon	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Technology Committee	Charlie	Carrigan	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Technology Committee	Kimberly	Jaeger	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Technology Committee	Rob	McKean	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Technology Committee	Tom	Rogers	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Technology Committee	Candace	Wheeler	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Hamilton Wenham Technology Committee	Andy	Wood	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Harbor Master	Walter	Cullen	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Harbor Master Assistant	Robert	Blanchard	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Harbor Master Assistant	Stephen	Trepanier	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Historic District Committee	Thomas	Catalano	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Historic District Committee	Arthur	Crosbie	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Historic District Committee	Marnie	Crouch	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Historic District Committee	Steve	Homer	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Historic District Committee	Edwin	Howard	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Historic District Committee	Fred	Mills	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Historic District Committee	Stefanie	Serafini	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Historic District Committee	Elizabeth	Wheaton	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Historic District Committee	TBD		
Appt'd by BOS	Historic District Committee	TBD		
Elected	Housing Authority	James	Burnham	May-08
Elected	Housing Authority	Leigh	Keyser	May-08
Employee	Housing Authority	Julie	Martineau	
Elected	Housing Authority	Robert	Poole	May-08
Elected	Housing Authority	Leon	Purington	May-08
Elected	Housing Authority	Clarence	Trepanier	May-08
Appt'd by BOS	Housing Partnership Committee	Peter	Britton	6/30/2008

Appointed By or Elected	Board/Office/Committee	First Name	Last Name	Date Appointment /Election Expires
Appt'd by BOS	Housing Partnership Committee	David	Carey	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Housing Partnership Committee	TBD	TBD	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Housing Partnership Committee	William	Gavin	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Housing Partnership Committee	Fred	Mills	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Inspector - Building	Charles	Brett	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Inspector - Building Asst.	John	Caldwell	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Inspector - Electrical	Bob	Brown	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Inspector - Electrical Asst.	Mark	Unger	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Inspector - Plumbing/Gas	William	Thomas	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Inspector - Plumbing/Gas Asst.	Mike	Twomey	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS - From BOS	Landfill Steering Committee	William	Bowler	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS - from Board of Health	Landfill Steering Committee	Steve	Druschel	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS - From EDC	Landfill Steering Committee	Bill	Gisness	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS - At Large	Landfill Steering Committee	David	Kerr	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS - From Open Space	Landfill Steering Committee	Jack	Lawrence	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS - From Planning Board	Landfill Steering Committee	Evelyn	Shuman	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS - At Large	Landfill Steering Committee	Betsy	Spang	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS - At Large	Landfill Steering Committee	Tom	Spang	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS - From EDC	Landfill Steering Committee	TBD	TBD	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS - from ZBA	Landfill Steering Committee	Winifred	Whitman	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Long Range Planning Committee	Richard	Low	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Long Range Planning Committee	Deborah	Mena	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Long Range Planning Committee	Arthur	Oberheim	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Long Range Planning Committee	Candace	Wheeler	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	MAPC Representative	Jean	Nelson	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	MBTA Representative	Jack	Spellman	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Miles River Collaboration	William	Bowler	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Miles River Collaboration	John	Tomasz	TBD
Appt'd by BOS	Miles River Task Force	Virginia	Cookson	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Miles River Task Force	John	Hamilton	6/30/2010
Elected	Moderator	Bruce	Ramsey	May-08
Appt'd by Moderator with the Consent of the HW School Committee	N.S. Regional Vocational School	David	Ketcham	6/30/2010
Appointed	North Shore Home Consortium	Julie	Nagazina	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Office of Disability	David	Cooper	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Office of Disability	Leigh	Keyser	6/30/2008
App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	Gretel	Clark	
App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	Susanna	Colloredo-Mansfield	
App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	Chris	Davis	
App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	Sarah	Getchell	Chairman
App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	John	Hamilton	
App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	John	Hendrickson	
App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	Jacqueline	Hodge	
App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	Betsy	Hopkins	

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App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	Sue	McLaughlin	
App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	Paul	Penner	
App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	John	Rhoads	
App'd by Con Comm	Open Space Committee	Michele	Stecyk	
Appt'd by BOS	Parking Clerk	Jane	Wetson	6/30/2008
Appt'd by Moderator	Personnel Board	William	Boesch	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS, Nominated by a 3 person employee panel	Personnel Board	Anne Marie	Cullen	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Personnel Board	Michelle	Juergens	6/30/2010
Appt'd by Fin Com	Personnel Board	David	Neill	6/30/2008
Appt'd by Fin Com	Personnel Board	Caleb	Powers	6/30/2010
Elected	Planning Board	Peter	Clark	May-12
Elected	Planning Board	Marc	Johnson	May-08
Elected	Planning Board	Fredrick	Mitchell	May-08
Elected	Planning Board	Susanne	Richey	May-09
Elected	Planning Board	David	Santomenna	May-10
Elected	Planning Board	Evelyn	Shuman	May-08
Elected	Planning Board	Dorothy	Stookey	May-08
Jointly App'd by BOS & PB	Planning Board - Assoc. Member	Marsella	Ricker	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Chief	Walter	Cullen	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Lieutenant	Robert	Nyland	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Patrol Officers	Matthew	Donovan	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Patrol Officers	Arthur	Hatfield	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Patrol Officers	Michael	Marchand	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Patrol Officers	Kenneth	Nagy	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Patrol Officers	Kent	Richards	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Patrol Officers	Brian	Shaw	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Patrol Officers	Karen	Wallace	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Patrol Officers	Stephen	Walsh	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Patrol Officers	Michael	Wetson	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Sergeant	Donald	Dupray	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Sergeant	Paul	Grant	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Sergeant	Scott	Janes	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Detective	Stephen	Trepanier	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	Joe	Achadinha	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	Jeffrey	Cross	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	Sean	Cullen	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	Charles	Downey	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	Stephen	Friedman	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	Michael	Girolimon	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	Keith	Holloran	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	David	Marsh	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	David	Mastrianni	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	Andrew	Neill	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	Kenneth	Shedden	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	Mathew	Shedden	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Police Officers Reserve	Nathan	Swisher	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Public Safety Building Construction	Kalil	Boghdan	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Public Safety Building Construction	Anne Marie	Cullen	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Public Safety Building Construction	Walter	Cullen	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Public Safety Building Construction	Robert	DeFelice	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Public Safety Building Construction	Dick	Flynn	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Public Safety Building Construction	Phil	McCarthy	6/30/2008

Appointed By or Elected	Board/Office/Committee	First Name	Last Name	Date Appointment /Election Expires
Appt'd by BOS	Public Safety Building Construction	Philip	Stevens	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Recycling Committee	Gretel	Clark	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Recycling Committee	Heather	Ford	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Recycling Committee	Fran	Grace	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Recycling Committee	Susanne	Richey	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Recycling Committee	Jane	Roundy	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Registrar	Mary Anne	Burridge	1/31/2011
Appt'd by BOS	Registrar	Arthur	Crosbie	1/31/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Registrar	Edward	Seaver	1/31/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Road Safety Committee	Marie	Buckley	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Road Safety Committee	Phyllis	Cutler	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Road Safety Committee	Matt	Donovan	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Road Safety Committee	Tim	Ford	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Road Safety Committee	John	Hamilton	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Road Safety Committee	John	Hendrickson	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Road Safety Committee	Brad	Kimball	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Road Safety Committee	Camilla	Rich	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Sealer of Weights & Measure	Robert	Rose	6/30/2008
Elected	Selectmen	William	Bowler	May-08
Elected	Selectmen	David	Carey	May-08
Elected	Selectmen	Richard	Low	May-08
Appt'd by BOS	TIP Coordinator	John	Tomasz	
Elected	Town Clerk	Jane	Wetson	May-08
Appt'd by BOS	Town Counsel	Donna	MacKenna	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Tree/Insect Coordinator	John	Tomasz	
Appt'd by BOS	Veterans Burial Agent	Terrance	Hart	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Veterans Graves Officer	Jack	Akin	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Veterans Graves Officer	Al	Lougee	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Veterans Service Officer	Terrance	Hart	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Water Use Restriction Enforcer	John	Tomasz	
Appt'd by BOS	Zoning Board of Appeals	Beth	Ganister	6/30/2008
Appt'd by BOS	Zoning Board of Appeals	David	Sullivan	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Zoning Board of Appeals	Winifred	Whitman	6/30/2009
Appt'd by BOS	Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate	Diane	Meibaum	6/30/2010
Appt'd by BOS	Zoning Board of Appeals - Alternate	Susan	Wiltshire	6/30/2010

BOARD OF SELECTMAN

"May you live in interesting times."

Chinese proverb – and curse

In keeping with the proverb, 2007 was a VERY interesting year for the Town of Hamilton. Some was good, some was bad, and some has yet to be determined.

Very much on the plus side, the long sought for Public Safety Building was finished. The beautiful new facility was completed and the Police, Fire and ECO Departments moved in to their new quarters in April. The building was formally dedicated in September and will serve the Departments and citizens well for generations. Thanks to the Public Safety Building Committee, the three Department Heads and all who helped to bring this project to fruition.

In December, after Special Town Meeting authorization, the selectmen enacted a Waste Reduction Program. By the time you read this, the program will have been up and running for about 6 weeks. Under the program, each household is allowed one bag or barrel of trash within the tax levy weekly. Specially marked bags must be purchased and used for additional trash. The hope and expectation is that this will encourage recycling which in addition to being good for the environment, will save the town a significant amount in tipping fees.

The Town's long time Director of Public Works, Steve Kenney, resigned at the end of July to take a similar position in Manchester-by-the-Sea. We knew that the search for a replacement for this important position would take many months. After considering different models, we determined that, with the help of some consulting by Steve the DPW employees could more than adequately run the department on an interim basis. Many thanks to the DPW and Water Enterprise employees, particularly Rich Campana and Tim Shea who helped get us through this difficult period. We have now hired a very capable replacement, John Tomasz, who started work in mid-April.

Last spring's Town Meeting and Ballot dealt with a number of important issues. It had become increasingly difficult to attain a quorum of 150 registered voters for Town Meetings, particularly for Special Town Meetings in the Fall. After considering a number of options, including having no quorum requirement, Town Meeting voted to lower the quorum for Town Meetings to 75. The Selectmen certainly understand the pressures of modern life on voters but continue to believe that Town Meeting is a form of democracy worth nurturing and preserving.

After a year of study by a committee composed of representatives of many constituencies, a revised Senior Housing By-Law was voted on by Town Meeting. After vigorous debate, it did not attain the required 2/3 vote for a zoning change, but will be resubmitted this year.

At the ballot, an override for the schools in the amount of $340,121 passed, but debt exclusions for a police cruiser, and vehicles for the public works and Fire Departments were not approved.

"May you come to the attention of those in authority."

Second Chinese proverb

The Town has continued to litigate its Water Withdrawal Permit with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. Also, this year the town's registered allotment under the Water Management Act was renewed with conditions. On the advice of Special Counsel, the Selectmen voted to appeal the renewal of its protected Water Registration with those conditions.

The Selectmen have not embarked on this course lightly. We are well aware of the costs associated with litigation. However, we believe that there are important long term town interests and property rights which need to be protected.

"May you find what you are looking for."

Third Chinese proverb

For most of this decade, Towns like Hamilton have struggled to provide town and school services while endeavoring to alleviate the rise in the tax burden. There are many factors which have put us in this pass, but a failure of state aid to keep up with rising costs – and increased mandates – is a major one. The primary focus of the Selectmen over the past year has been the search for additional revenues and the more efficient delivery of services. Either on our own, or in concert with other committees such as the Landfill Committee, Economic Development Committee and Housing Partnership Committee, we have and continue to explore everything from windmills to commercial development to shared services.

In preparing this report, I reviewed the Selectmen's reports for the past two years. Some projects and initiatives such as the Public Safety Building and the World War II Memorial have been completed. Some were still being worked on last year and will be in the next. And of course there are some new ones. With all there is to do, progress has been made on most of them. None of this could happen without the dedicated employees and volunteers on our Town Boards and Committees. As citizens we owe them all our thanks.

William F. Bowler, Chairman

Town of Hamilton
2007 Financial Statements

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2007

	Primary Government		
ASSETS	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 2,354,705	$ 126,713	$ 2,481,418
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	2,107,962	-	2,107,962
Investments	119,388	-	119,388
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts:			
Real estate and personal property taxes	306,949	-	306,949
Tax and utility liens	350,232	2,616	352,848
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	57,483	-	57,483
Community preservation surcharges	3,995	-	3,995
Water charges	-	266,947	266,947
Departmental and other	63,955	-	63,955
Loans	8,981	-	8,981
Tax foreclosures	83,156	-	83,156
Total current assets	5,456,806	396,276	5,853,082
Noncurrent assets:			
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts:			
Real estate tax deferrals	54,562	-	54,562
Loans	17,722	-	17,722
Capital assets not being depreciated	796,875	283,912	1,080,787
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	13,498,703	5,669,710	19,168,413
Total noncurrent assets	14,367,862	5,953,622	20,321,484
Total assets	19,824,668	6,349,898	26,174,566
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Warrants payable	318,247	42,278	360,525
Accrued payroll	97,228	6,262	103,490
Accrued interest	76,338	-	76,338
Capital lease obligations	34,143	-	34,143
Compensated absences	29,520	1,995	31,515
Long-term bonds and notes payable	445,000	180,000	625,000
Total current liabilities	1,000,476	230,535	1,231,011
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Capital lease obligations	110,832	-	110,832
Compensated absences	265,677	17,955	283,632
Long-term bonds and notes payable	6,940,000	2,100,000	9,040,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	7,316,509	2,117,955	9,434,464
Total liabilities	8,316,985	2,348,490	10,665,475
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	6,947,904	3,673,622	10,621,526
Restricted for:			
Community preservation	900,501	-	900,501
Loans	26,703	-	26,703
Permanent funds:			
Expendable	309,876	-	309,876
Nonexpendable	204,429	-	204,429
Other specific purposes	471,136	-	471,136
Unrestricted	2,647,134	327,786	2,974,920
Total net assets	$ 11,507,683	$ 4,001,408	$ 15,509,091

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense)/ Revenue
Primary government:					
Governmental activities:					
General government	$ 1,470,729	$ 66,064	$ 155,302	$ -	$ (1,249,363)
Public safety	3,380,031	514,756	312,188	-	(2,553,087)
Education	13,911,349	-	-	-	(13,911,349)
Public works	2,008,165	33,388	38,574	216,875	(1,719,328)
Health and human services	384,635	36,525	34,667	-	(313,443)
Culture and recreation	1,172,698	169,092	672,009	-	(331,597)
Debt service - interest	381,193	-	-	-	(381,193)
Total governmental activities	22,708,800	819,825	1,212,740	216,875	(20,459,360)
Business-type activities:					
Water	800,759	868,164	325	-	67,730
Total primary government	$ 23,509,559	$ 1,687,989	$ 1,213,065	$ 216,875	$ (20,391,630)

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued)

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Changes in net assets:			
Net (expense)/revenue (from previous page)	$ (20,459,360)	$ 67,730	$ (20,391,630)
General revenues:			
Real estate, personal property taxes and tax liens	18,790,748	-	18,790,748
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	943,138	-	943,138
Penalties and interest on taxes	53,572	-	53,572
Payments in lieu of taxes	32,978	-	32,978
Community preservation surcharges	305,576	-	305,576
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	926,580	-	926,580
Unrestricted investment income	255,101	-	255,101
Transfers, net	(47,906)	47,906	-
Total general revenues and transfers	21,259,787	47,906	21,307,693
Change in net assets	800,427	115,636	916,063
Net assets - beginning of year	10,707,256	3,885,772	14,593,028
Net assets - end of year	$ 11,507,683	$ 4,001,408	$ 15,509,091

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2007

ASSETS	General	Community Preservation	Police/Fire Station	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,030,182	$ -	$ -	$ 1,324,523	$ 2,354,705
Investments	-	-	-	119,388	119,388
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts:					
Real estate and personal property taxes	306,949	-	-	-	306,949
Real estate tax deferrals	54,562	-	-	-	54,562
Tax liens	350,232	-	-	-	350,232
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	57,483	-	-	-	57,483
Community preservation surcharges	-	3,995	-	-	3,995
Departmental and other	50	-	-	63,905	63,955
Loans	-	-	-	26,703	26,703
Tax foreclosures	83,156	-	-	-	83,156
Restricted assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	-	900,905	365,209	841,848	2,107,962
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 1,882,614	$ 904,900	$ 365,209	$ 2,376,367	$ 5,529,090
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
LIABILITIES:					
Warrants payable	$ 105,114	$ 4,265	$ 182,908	$ 25,960	$ 318,247
Accrued payroll	77,538	134	-	19,556	97,228
Deferred revenue	783,827	3,995	-	63,905	851,727
TOTAL LIABILITIES	966,479	8,394	182,908	109,421	1,267,202
FUND BALANCES:					
Reserved for:					
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	291,495	-	-	-	291,495
Stabilization	-	-	-	598,722	598,722
Loans	-	-	-	26,703	26,703
Perpetual permanent funds	-	-	-	204,429	204,429
Other specific purposes	-	-	-	471,136	471,136
Unreserved:					
Designated for subsequent year's expenditures	266,860	-	-	-	266,860
Undesignated, reported in:					
General fund	357,780	-	-	-	357,780
Special revenue funds	-	896,506	-	464,720	1,361,226
Capital projects funds	-	-	182,301	191,360	373,661
Permanent funds	-	-	-	309,876	309,876
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	916,135	896,506	182,301	2,266,946	4,261,888
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 1,882,614	$ 904,900	$ 365,209	$ 2,376,367	$ 5,529,090

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TOTAL FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Total governmental fund balances	$	4,261,888
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation) used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds		14,295,578
Other assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the governmental funds		851,727
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in the governmental funds interest is not reported until due		(76,338)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Bonds and notes payable		(7,385,000)
Capital lease obligations		(144,975)
Compensated absences		(295,197)
Net assets of governmental activities	$	11,507,683

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	General	Community Preservation	Police/Fire Station	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Real estate and personal property taxes	$ 18,481,688	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 18,481,688
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	955,005	-	-	-	955,005
Tax liens	140,019	-	-	-	140,019
Payments in lieu of taxes	32,978	-	-	-	32,978
Community preservation surcharges	-	304,903	-	-	304,903
Charges for services	-	-	-	314,563	314,563
Intergovernmental	1,361,808	287,075	-	579,820	2,228,703
Special assessments	3,408	-	-	-	3,408
Penalties and interest on taxes	53,572	-	-	-	53,572
Licenses, permits and fees	342,247	-	-	-	342,247
Fines and forfeitures	5,060	-	-	-	5,060
Departmental	84,386	-	-	5,769	90,155
Contributions	-	-	-	40,425	40,425
Investment income	227,222	31,518	-	77,771	336,511
Other	-	-	-	17,697	17,697
TOTAL REVENUES	21,687,393	623,496	-	1,036,045	23,346,934
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General government	1,158,025	7,455	-	60,554	1,226,034
Public safety	2,322,153	-	5,330,495	269,933	7,922,581
Education	13,847,143	-	-	-	13,847,143
Public works	1,365,818	-	-	209,294	1,575,112
Health and human services	138,039	5,720	-	12,932	156,691
Culture and recreation	737,138	2,523	-	235,655	975,316
Pension benefits	458,124	-	-	-	458,124
Employee benefits	667,058	-	-	-	667,058
Property and liability insurance	138,693	-	-	-	138,693
State and county charges	241,472	-	-	-	241,472
Debt service:					
Principal	424,000	-	-	-	424,000
Interest	304,855	-	-	-	304,855
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	21,802,518	15,698	5,330,495	788,368	27,937,079
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(115,125)	607,798	(5,330,495)	247,677	(4,590,145)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	254,335	-	28,000	180,583	462,918
Proceeds of bonds and notes	-	-	250,000	-	250,000
Transfers out	(367,627)	-	-	(143,197)	(510,824)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(113,292)	-	278,000	37,386	202,094
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	(228,417)	607,798	(5,052,495)	285,063	(4,388,051)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,144,552	288,708	5,234,796	1,981,883	8,649,939
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	$ 916,135	$ 896,506	$ 182,301	$ 2,266,946	$ 4,261,888

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	$	(4,388,051)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. These amounts represent the related activity of the current period.		
Capital outlays		5,561,160
Depreciation		(677,686)
In the statement of activities, only the *gain/(loss)* on the disposal of capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds only the proceeds of such disposal are reported as financial resources. As a result, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balance by the net book value of the capital assets sold		(4,456)
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., real estate and personal property, motor vehicle excise, etc.) differ between the two statements. This amount represents the net change in deferred revenue		210,199
The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any impact on net assets. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. This amount represents the related activity of the current period.		
Bond proceeds		(250,000)
Bond maturities		424,000
Capital lease maturities		32,832
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in the governmental funds interest is not reported until due. This amount represents the net change in accrued interest payable		(76,338)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. This amount represents the net change:		
Compensated absences		(31,233)
Changes in net assets of governmental activities	$	800,427

PROPRIETARY FUND
STATEMENT OF FUND NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2007

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund
ASSETS	Water
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 126,713
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible amounts:	
Water charges	266,947
Water liens	2,616
Total current assets	396,276
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets not being depreciated	283,912
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	5,669,710
Total noncurrent assets	5,953,622
Total assets	6,349,898
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Warrants payable	42,278
Accrued payroll	6,262
Compensated absences	1,995
Long-term bonds and notes payable	180,000
Total current liabilities	230,535
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Compensated absences	17,955
Long-term bonds and notes payable	2,100,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	2,117,955
Total liabilities	2,348,490
FUND NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,673,622
Unrestricted	327,786
Total net assets	$ 4,001,408

PROPRIETARY FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGE IN FUND NET ASSETS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund
	Water
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for services	$ 822,504
Utility liens	26,349
Other	19,311
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	868,164
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Cost of service and administration	497,048
Depreciation	163,739
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	660,787
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	207,377
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Investment income	325
Interest expense	(139,972)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES), NET	(139,647)
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE TRANSFERS	67,730
TRANSFERS	
Transfers in	167,241
Transfers out	(119,335)
TOTAL TRANSFERS	47,906
CHANGE IN FUND NET ASSETS	115,636
FUND NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,885,772
FUND NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	$ 4,001,408

PROPRIETARY FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Fund
	Water
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers and users	$ 859,232
Payments to vendors	(221,155)
Payments to employees	(246,769)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	391,308
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Transfers in	167,241
Transfers out	(119,335)
NET CASH FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	47,906
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(184,173)
Principal payments on bonds and notes	(180,000)
Interest expense	(139,972)
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(504,145)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Investment income	325
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(64,606)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	191,319
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	$ 126,713
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating income (loss)	$ 207,377
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash from operating activities:	
Depreciation	163,739
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Water charges	(10,763)
Water liens	1,831
Warrants payable	25,489
Accrued payroll	2,218
Accrued compensated absences	1,417
Total adjustments	183,931
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$ 391,308

FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2007

	Private Purpose Trust Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 55,616
LIABILITIES	
Warrants payable	50
NET ASSETS	
Held in trust for other purposes	$ 55,566

FIDUCIARY FUNDS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	Private Purpose Trust Funds
ADDITIONS	
Contributions:	
Private donations	$ 10,576
Net investment income:	
Interest	1,809
TOTAL ADDITIONS	12,385
DEDUCTIONS	
Other	5,131
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	7,254
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	48,312
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	$ 55,566

FINANCE AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Financial Highlights of FY07:

During the year, the Finance and Advisory Committee ("Fincom") worked intensely to try to balance the economic pressures being felt by most of the towns and cities throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There is a growing awareness that the revenues available under Proposition 2 1/2 are simply not sufficient to cover the escalating costs of providing services to our citizens. The ongoing challenge will be whether new revenue sources can be generated to overcome the need for override votes or whether decisions will have to be made to curtail and/or eliminate local services.

At the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, the Town approved:

- A total (School and Town) General Fund budget of $22,747,897, an increase of $1,349,509 or 6.3% over the prior year compared to an increase of $1,197,575 or 5.9% in FY07.
- A Town Operating Budget of $7,252,783 an increase of $387,828 or 5.6% over the prior year. This compared to an increase of $338,093 or 5.2% in FY07. For the first time in recent memory, the Town budget included an override ($121,582).
- A Hamilton Wenham Regional School District Budget of $13,699,601 (including a override of $340,121), an increase of $707,941 or 5.45% compared to an increase of $635,851 or 5.15% in FY07.
- A North Shore Regional Vocational School Budget of $144,617 a 27% decrease over the prior year, compared to a 23% increase in FY07.
- School and Town debt (P&I) payments increased $103,774 or 6.7%.
- Warrant Articles for the purchase of a new police cruiser ($28,500) and two new DPW pick-up trucks ($54,000). These Capital Exclusions were approved at the Town Meeting, but, not at the Ballot.
- A Water Enterprise Budget of $834,856 and a $60,000 transfer from Water Retained Earnings to pay for the purchase of additional radio-read water meters. The radio- read water meters would give the Town more accurate water use information and reduces the cost to read the water meters. This will allow for the conversion to quarterly instead of semiannual water bills.
- The use of $236,860 of available Free Cash to reduce the Tax Rate.

The impact of the FY08 Budget on the tax rate:

2007 Tax Rate	$12.58
Increase	.83
2008 Estimated Tax Rate	$13.41(1)

(1) The November 2007 Certified Tax rate was $13.39. The two-cent reduction from the estimate was the result of the Town Capital Override not passing at the ballot.

Budgeted Item	**Tax Rate Portion**
Town Net Budget	$2.76
HW Regional School	8.97
North Shore Regional Vocational School	0.10
Town and School Debt	1.21
Capital Exclusions	0.06
Town Override	0.08
HW Regional School Override	0.23
6.6% Increase in the Real Estate Tax Rate to a Total of	$13.41

Special Town Meeting-October 22, 2007:

Financial Articles, which were approved, included the following:

- Purchase of two Department of public works pick-up trucks for a total of $54,000.
- A Community Preservation Act Appropriation of $40,000 to complete the boiler installation at the Town Hall.
- A Waste Reduction Program that will both increase recycling and reduce the cost of solid waste disposal.

Financial challenges:

In addition to continued effort to control expenses, financial challenges facing the Town include financing future capital costs to maintain our buildings, rebuilding our unallocated reserves, ever increasing health insurance costs and last but not least the required implementation of GASB Statement No. 45 in FY09. GASB 45 establishes the standards for the measurement, recognition, and display in our financial statements of Other Post-employment Benefits such as health insurance for which the Town is currently paying 55% of employee and family coverage, potentially for the lifetimes of retirees.

New initiatives:

- Examine the potential benefits of joining the State Medical Insurance Program ("GIC").
- Increase fees to cover the cost of delivering Town -delivered service, consistent with similar fees in surrounding towns.
- Consider leasing over a three- year period, instead of purchasing, vehicles that cost $25,000 to $100,000.
- Increase the Stabilization Fund to mitigate the impact of a recession and maintain the Town's A1 bond rating.
- Finance the necessary capital needs of the Hamilton/ Wenham Regional School District.
- Examine opportunities for assisting citizens, who need help paying their real estate taxes.

Audit:

As in the past, the Town's accounting firm, Sullivan, Rogers and Company, LLC, gave the Town a clean certificate for FY08.

Fincom also thanks the Finance Department staff members for their hard work during the year.

(1) The above budget information is from the May 7, 2007 Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

Submitted by the following Finance Committee Members:

Daniel J. Bukkhegyi
Robert M. Bullivant
Arthur J. Oberheim, Chairman
Jane Prince
Alexander A. Shaw

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

For 2007, the total assessed taxable valuation of Hamilton is $1,479,271,880 with a property tax levy of $19,807,450. The fiscal year 2008 tax rate as certified by the Department of Revenue is $13.39 up .81 from the previous year. Building permits issued in 2007 resulted in an additional $171,712 in tax levy growth.

In 2007, the Board of Assessors completed an interim year adjustment of all property in the town of Hamilton as required by the Department of Revenue. Under Massachusetts's law, this Board is required to value all of Hamilton's 2793 properties at 100 percent of their full and fair cash valuation, thereby insuring an equitable distribution of the property tax levy. The town's average single-family valuation is $538,850. More importantly, we believe that we have met our statutory obligation to re-establish proper assessment level and uniformity throughout the town of Hamilton. Final Department of Revenue certification of assessed valuations was granted in December and property tax bills were subsequently mailed at the end of December. The current valuation and levy percentages based upon property class are as follows:

CLASS	VALUATION	%	TAXES PAID	LEVY %
Residential	1,408,580,100	95%	$18,860,888	95%
Commercial	59,491,800	4%	$796,595	4%
Industrial	823,700	0%	$11,029	0%
Personal	10,376,280	1%	$138,938	1%
TOTALS	1,479,271,880	100%	$19,807,450	100%

In 2007, the Assessing Department completed the fourth year of a state-mandated data re-collection program. This process is an important component of maintaining the integrity of Hamilton's real property information database.

Also in 2007, the Board of Assessors declared an overlay surplus of over 37,000 dollars. This surplus was realized in large part due to determination of defensible valuations as incorporating a thorough appeal review process. This surplus was returned to the Town for fiscal year 2009 budgetary purposes.

This past year saw the retirement of long time Assessor, Robert Trussell. His knowledge and dedication to the Town will be missed.

We would like to assure all property owners that the Board of Assessors will continue its effort to meet the challenge of maintaining equitable assessments in this current real estate market.
Respectfully submitted,
Gelean M. Campbell, Chairman
Steven Ozahowski, Member
Peter J. Kane, Member

TREASURER COLLECTOR

I hereby submit my Annual Report as Treasurer/Collector for the Town of Hamilton for the calendar year ended December 31, 2007.

January 1, 2007	**$5,458,194**
Receipts	$25,972,396
Disbursements	($27,753,540)
December 31, 2007	**$3,677,050**

Segregated Cash Accounts - December 31, 2007

Stabilization Fund	$	612,905
Clark Property Fund	$	226,244
Conservation Commission	$	94,881
Cultural Council	$	1,699
Comcast	$	4,319
CPA	$	1,301,288
Junction	$	181
Performance Guarantee	$	5,054
Verizon	$	5,153
MMDT - Public Safety Building	$	31,755
Merrill Lynch - Trust Funds	$	425,850
	$	2,709,328

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl J. Booth, CMMT, CMMC
Treasurer/Collector

TREASURER COLLECTOR

COLLECTIONS	YEAR		January - June		July - December		Total
REAL ESTATE	2008	$	-	$	9,146,981	$	9,146,981
	2007	$	9,688,274	$	161,550	$	9,849,824
		$	9,688,274	$	9,308,531	$	18,996,805
PERSONAL PROPERTY	2008	$	-	$	58,170	$	58,170
	2007	$	61,761	$	276	$	62,037
		$	61,761	$	58,446	$	120,207
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE	2007	$	815,250	$	119,241	$	934,491
	2006	$	23,934	$	8,257	$	32,191
	2005	$	1,321	$	2,866	$	4,187
Prior to	2004	$	352	$	971	$	1,323
		$	840,857	$	131,335	$	972,192
BOAT EXCISE	2007	$	-	$	2,481	$	2,481
	2006	$	206	$	-	$	206
		$	206	$	2,481	$	2,687
WATER							
Rates		$	340,169	$	444,269	$	784,438
General Billing		$	8,642	$	9,956	$	18,598
Liens		$	21,769	$	2,297	$	24,066
Penalties & Interest		$	140	$	213	$	353
		$	370,720	$	456,735	$	827,455
CPA	2008	$	-	$	153,089	$	153,089
	2007	$	161,325	$	1,825	$	163,150
Interest		$	250	$	259	$	509
		$	161,575	$	155,173	$	316,748
TAX TITLES		$	49,223	$	66,962	$	116,185
BETTERMENTS		$	3,383	$	50	$	3,433
PENALTIES & INTEREST		$	36,103	$	36,206	$	72,309
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES		$	3,175	$	2,325	$	5,500
TOTAL		**$**	**11,215,277**	**$**	**10,218,244**	**$**	**21,433,521**

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health is responsible for the overall stewardship of the public health and environmental protection of the town. Responsibilities are defined both by local bylaws and state law. The Board promotes, enacts, and enforces all health and environmental laws, rules and regulations. Additionally the Board of Health conducts health clinics, participates in education programs wherever possible and administers the contracts for a food inspection program, a public health nurse and communicable disease follow-up program, and animal inspection services.

The Board consists of three members serving three-year terms in rotation. Stephen Druschel served as Chair, JoAnne Ainsworth and Rodd Stockwell, M.D. served as members. John Jacobi is the Health Agent. Gail Messelaar continued as Administrative Assistant as well as Doris Cole as part-time Administrative Assistant. Dyan Katz was reappointed as Animal Inspector and Anne Jackman was reappointed as Assistant Animal Inspector.

In 2007 the Hamilton Board of Health continued to be pro-active in the review and formulation of a disaster plan in concert with the Department of Public Health and the Office of Domestic Preparedness. The Hamilton Board of Health continued to partner with thirteen cities and towns which make up the North Shore Coalition for Emergency Preparedness.

The Board is working in conjunction with Walter Montgomery of the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control, the Board of Selectmen, and town residents to establish a Mosquito Control Monitoring program for the town.

The Health Agent enforced Massachusetts Title V regulations for sewage disposal. This included many site visits to existing and proposed home sites, review and approval of plans, and the issuing of treatment and disposal system permits. Our role also includes the inspection of construction of the sewage systems and involvement in the permit process for work on existing and new homes.

Semi-annual food inspections were performed by Frank Giacalone at all permanent, limited and temporary establishments that sell and/or prepare food including the school cafeterias in the Hamilton-Wenham School District.

The Board provided public health, preventative health and health promotion services to the residents of Hamilton. These included: tuberculosis screening; immunization against other communicable diseases; communicable disease follow-up by telephone and/or home visits with completion of epidemiological survey; one time home visits to high risk mothers and their newborns; occasional home visits to assess an individual's health and safety and grief visits. Increases in both Lyme disease and other tick borne diseases continue to make up the majority of all reportable disease in Hamilton.

Influenza/pneumonia vaccination clinics were held by the Board of Health and with assistance of private nurse services.

In the Spring, a rabies immunization clinic for dogs and cats was offered at the Town garage. The clinic was sponsored by the Veterinary Association of the North Shore.

The Board cannot over emphasize the absolute need for dog and cat owners to obtain rabies vaccinations for their pets and revaccinations on the required schedule. Please have your cats and dogs vaccinated not only to protect their health but also to prevent rabies in humans, as pets are the bridge between ground animals and humans. Pets must be revaccinated within one (1) year of their initial vaccination and revaccinated as recommended by the Veterinarian or vaccine manufacturer thereafter.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Food and Agriculture, Division of Animal Health and Dairying requires all horses, ponies, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and flocks of poultry numbering twenty-five (25) or more to be inspected and an annual census completed. The Inspector of Animals conducted inspections of the animals and their housing conditions throughout Hamilton.

Numerous environmental and housing complaints were also investigated and properly handled in accordance with State regulations.

The Board also distributed vaccines and biologics from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to physicians in Hamilton.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Druschel, Chairman
JoAnne Ainsworth
Rodd Stockwell, M. D

CHEBACCO WOODS LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Fiscal 2008 was a busy year for the Committee. Sue McLaughlin continued to conduct monthly hikes: but last fall, the Committee decided to reduce the hikes to a quarterly rotation: December, March, June, and September. Most locals who use the Woods are familiar with its trails. Sue also monitors the supply of maps and dog clean up bags at the Kiosk at the main entrance. Unfortunately, the two major encroachments to the property remain unresolved. The Committee received all prior approvals necessary before obtaining final approval for the land swaps from the Legislature. Legislative approval, however, must be sought within one year of approvals by the Towns; and due to delay at one office, this requirement was not met. Approvals by the towns will again be sought to meet this requirement. The trail improvement project continues with the assistance of many. Gordon College completed the section of the Red Dot Trail leading from the college to Round Pond. Following Hamilton Conservation Commission approval, Messrs, Vandy and Dolan of Hamilton replaced a damaged culvert with an easily maintained swale. R. B. Strong of Gloucester has completed approximately ¾ of the work on the White Dot Trail, and Strong and Stendahl Tree of Ipswich have visited the eastern half of the property in anticipation of commencing work there in fiscal 2009. For the work completed to date and thru June 2008, the Committee is deeply indebted to the Hamilton Community Preservation Committee for its $25,000 grant. The Committee also thanks the Essex County Trail Association for its contribution of $250. The Committee is hopeful that it will receive a substantial contribution from the Manchester Community Preservation Committee to do the work on the eastern half of the property. This work includes opening an old trail that hugs the eastern coast of Round Pond. Rick Vancisin of Hamilton agreed to fill the one remaining vacant position on the Committee.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The CPC continued to meet on a monthly basis in 2007. The Committee and the Committee's Coordinator, Christine Berry, have been working with the proponents and managers of the projects that were approved at Town Meeting last spring. Many of the previously approved CPA projects have been completed or are nearing completion. The Committee has also been working with citizens and other town boards to develop new applications for funding for CPA projects. The Committee has recently completed its review and recommendation of applications for this spring's Town Meeting.

The committee has the following nine members; Tom Catalano (Chair, Historic District Commission), Leigh Keyser (Housing Authority), Lindle Willnow (Recreation Board), Chris Davis (At-Large), Dave Carey (Board of Selectmen), Peter Britton (Housing Partnership), Peter Clark (Planning Board), Peter Dana (Conservation Commission), Ray Whipple (At Large).

The following items were approved at Annual Town Meeting in May 2007:

1. To appropriate $1,200 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the purchase of a laptop computer needed to carryout the Mass. Conservation Mapping Assistance Partnership Program.

2. To appropriate $8,200 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the architectural and design work necessary for the repair of the HW Community House portico and underlying structural system.

3. To appropriate $16,346 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the preservation and scanning of a variety of the Town's historical assets which are in need of conservation.

4. To appropriate $25,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund trail improvements on portions of the White Dot Trail at Chebacco Woods.

5. To appropriate $23,300 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund a portion of the Pleasant Pond Landscape Improvement Plan

6. To appropriate $4,200 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the purchase of raw materials to construct a dozen picnic tables, bike racks, and trash receptacles to be placed in parks and various other public areas of town.

7. To appropriate $9,900 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund an energy audit of Town Hall.

8. To appropriate $25,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund an additional light and the replacement of the underground wiring at Patton Park which feeds various lights and poles at the Park.

9. To appropriate $30,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the repair of the 1898 existing plaster ceiling of the 2nd floor of Town Hall.

10. To appropriate $32,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the construction of a stream crossing needed to complete the pedestrian/bicycle pathway along Woodbury Street.

11. To appropriate $113,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund a study of the existing environmental condition of the landfill area and review the potential for its reuse.

12. To appropriate $35,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to re-construct the building that currently houses the Chemical I, a 1916 Model T/American LaFrance Chemical Truck, the first piece of apparatus purchased by the Hamilton Fire Dept.

13. To appropriate $60,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for the required 10% set aside for future Community Housing projects.

14. To appropriate $30,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for administration costs including, but not limited to, $1,500 for the annual Community Preservation Coalition Membership Fees and salary for the part-time Community Preservation Committee Coordinator position.

The following items were approved at Special Town Meeting in October 2007:

1. To appropriate $40,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund balance to increase the appropriation of a previously approved project to improve the heating system at Town Hall.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Hamilton Conservation Commission's primary task is the administration and enforcement of the state Wetlands Protection Act (Ch. 131 §40) and the Town's Conservation By-Law, Chapter 17. The Commission also seeks to fulfill its mandate by funding environmental education programs in the regional school system and by organizing and publicizing various conferences and events that seek to protect open space and inform residents of the value of preservation of woodlands and scenic areas as well as trail access and management.

Conservation Commission jurisdiction and procedure:
The Commission's jurisdiction includes all proposed changes in land use which will occur within defined wetlands or within 100 feet of the defined edge of wetlands, or within 200 feet of the perennial streams and rivers within the borders of the Town. The Commission considers applications (known as "Requests for Determination" and also "Notices of Intent") for work in these areas and holds site walks to evaluate the conditions at the work area. The Commission then conducts public hearings or public meetings to decide if a permit (either a "Negative Determination" or an "Order of Conditions") shall issue. Once a project is completed, the Commission holds another site walk to establish that the project was finished in the same manner as it was originally proposed and that no damage to resource areas has occurred. A Certificate of Compliance is then issued and the process is complete. The Commission also investigates violations of the Wetlands Act and local Conservation By-Law and the Commission issues Enforcement Orders or Violation Notices if appropriate.

2007 Special Projects and Issues:
The Commission issued their final approval of a Town wide Trail Management Plan that will streamline review and permitting of normal and routine maintenance of the extensive trail network in Hamilton. The Plan may act as a model for other communities in the Commonwealth that seek to lower permitting costs of trail work in sensitive areas and, at the same time, improve trail access while protecting wetlands and the environment in general.

The Commission undertook to amend their regulations last year. The public hearing process took place for most of the year, and after a thorough, and sometimes heated, exchange of views and debate between interested residents and Town officials, the Commission issued an amended set of regulations in November of 2007.

After a public hearing, the Commission reviewed and approved a project to repair the Winthrop Street Bridge, which is a joint federal, state, and local initiative.

The Commission approved a vegetation management plan to control the nuisance vegetation at Weaver Pond in Patton Park.

Along with the Wenham Conservation Commission, the Hamilton Commission reviewed and approved a project to improve the beach area at Pleasant Pond.

The Commission's Open Space Committee met regularly to review the needs of the Town relative to preservation of Open Space. The Committee continues to work towards revising the Hamilton Open Space Plan and they seek to have the revised plan finalized, approved and in place early in 2008.

Education Program

The Commission funded an Environmental Education program for the students in almost all grade levels in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District. The program is designed and run by the Massachusetts Audubon Society and it is subject to in-depth review and amendment by the Commission annually. The Commission continues to enthusiastically support and promote this program.

2007 Filings and Other Regulatory Decisions

13 Requests for Determination
17 Orders of Conditions and Orders of Resource Area Delineation
4 Modifications or Amendments of Orders of Conditions
5 Enforcement Orders and Violation Notices
6 Extensions
6 Certificates of Compliance
3 Conservation Restrictions Approved

Members and Staff (Term Expiration)

Sarah Getchell, Chair (2008)

John Hamilton, Co-Chair (2009)
Virginia Cookson (2007)
Robert Cronin (2007)
Peter Dana (2009)
Camilla Rich (2008)
John Rhoads (associate member)
John Hendrickson (associate member)
James Hankin, Coordinator

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Hamilton Council on Aging had a busy and successful year serving the senior community. Council members along with the assistance of dedicated volunteers, worked very hard to create a wide variety of program offerings. Hamilton seniors were able to choose from day trips to The Bull and Claw Restaurant, Wells, Maine, Amesbury Playhouse, Beantown Trolley/Union Oyster House, The Vermont Feast at the Putney Inn, State House trip and the March Irish Show at Danversport Yacht Club. We were also able to offer our third overnight trip to the Beacon Resort in Lincoln, NH. Special events and educational forums were well attended and included; "And Now Mark Twain", Hamilton Fire Department "Safety in the Home", Senior Cookout, Hamilton-Wenham Senior Breakfast, our December Holiday Party, Hamilton-Wenham Garden Club floral projects, "River Run" (the outdoor educational classroom constructed at Winthrop School), and the very popular student run buffet luncheons at the North Shore Technical Vocational High School.

Presently the Council on Aging shares usage of the former Hamilton Library. During the past year, Council members focused on developing our weekly Wednesday Open House Program (10 am – 12 noon) that now averages 35-45 seniors in attendance every week.

This is a casual get together time where seniors can socialize, play cards and games (BINGO and BUNCO), enjoy a cup of coffee, obtain elder issues resource information and register for upcoming activities. Many Hamilton seniors have commented that they look forward to attending every week and enjoy the welcoming atmosphere that Council members have worked to provide in this shared space. Our "Stay Healthy" series is very popular and continues to grow. A free Blood Pressure Clinic is held at the senior center on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 10 am – 12 noon. During the past year over 55 Hamilton seniors utilized the clinic on a regular basis. Barbara Rigol continues to volunteer her time and offer a Low Impact Exercise Class with a focus on balance. HATS OFF to these wonderful volunteers who help keep our Hamilton seniors healthy!!

Each December, the Council on Aging honors our resident senior citizens over the age of 90 by delivering holiday fruit baskets to their homes. For the second year, Hamilton Boy Scout Troop #235 happily agreed to assist in the delivery of 30 baskets and we were very grateful. What a wonderful way to make a difference in the lives of others with a "special delivery" from a young person. Hamilton seniors also enjoyed some "helping hands" with spring yard work from a group of Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School seniors who volunteered their time.

We continue to focus on communication to our senior community by publishing and mailing a bi-monthly newsletter to over 800 head of household residents. In addition, the Council on Aging maintains an office at the former Hamilton Library with a 24 hour answering service. Telephone calls that we receive range from transportation needs, program requests, health insurance issues, Meals on Wheels referrals, home health services, medical equipment and housing information. The Hamilton Council on Aging has always functioned with the efforts of many volunteers. As the program continues to grow and serve the needs of our many senior residents, the Council on Aging welcomes the ideas, suggestions and active participation of all Hamilton seniors.

Lindsey D. Snavely, Senior Services Coordinator

THE HAMILTON-WENHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council awarded $8,000 in state funds for the year 2007 to local artists and performers in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences. In addition to the State funds, a $1,000 donation was made by Augie MacCurrach of Wenham from funds raised at a band party at the Community House. The Council wants to thank Augie and all those who attended and contributed to this cause. The 6 member Council strives to select events that will enrich and appeal to all sectors of the community. There were 30 applications for grants this year. Whole or partial funding was given to 18 applicants:

❖ Georgia Bills	Jump into Spring
❖ Anthony Boff	Wonder Tales
❖ Buker Elementary	Artquest Programs
❖ Cantemus Chamber Chorus	"Songs of Love: Requited and Not Quite" Concert
❖ Richard Clark	And Now Mark Twain
❖ Cutler School	A Christmas Carol
❖ Friends of Wenham Council on Aging	Wenham Kite Flying Day
❖ Friendship Theater	Our Town
❖ J.P. Goodwin	River Run
❖ H/W Garden Club	Conservatory Programs
❖ Hamilton Historical Society	This evening – You Are There!
❖ Hamilton-Wenham Public Library	Drawbridge Puppet Theater & Jim Cruise the Spoon Man
❖ New England Light Opera	GWOSWOG! One Acts
❖ John Root	Senior Citizen Musical Program
❖ Sundays in Patton Park	Sundays in Patton Park
❖ The Open Road Theater	Cinderella
❖ Veterans for Peace	North Shore Peace Poetry Contest

On November 28, 2007, the Hamilton-Wenham Cultural Council voted on and granted $8,897 for 16 grant applications for the year 2008.

Residents of Hamilton and Wenham with an interest in the arts may want to consider applying for a position on the Council. Council members serve three-year terms and are appointed by the Boards of Selectmen. There are positions open on the Board for the coming year.

Meredith Gisness, Chairperson
Council Members:
Lorrie Berry, Roberta Perkins, Elizabeth Roberts, Mary Buntin, Heidi Blaser, Beth McLeod (new member)

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The employee's of the Public Work's Department have been able to assist many Town departments and entities in multiple ways because of their diversity in knowledge and background. This has saved the tax payers considerable tax dollars throughout the year; as well as savings seen daily within the department.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

ROAD PROGRAM

The DPW received $191,939.00 from the Massachusetts Highway Department under Chapter 90 road monies and completed the following projects:

School Street – partial reclamation and paving, with sidewalk construction and curbing
Cutler Road – reclamation, grading and partial paving
Sagamore Street – partial reclamation and paving
Highland, Asbury and Forest Street – milled and paved sections

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Annual bids for Catch Basin Cleaning and Street Sweeping went out to bid and were completed. 757 catch basins were cleaned and 36 miles of roadway swept.

The DPW installed four and overhauled six catch basins. We have also replaced culvert pipe on Winthrop Street and completed high pressure cleaning of several drainage pipes throughout the Town.

Snow removal and sanding continue to go smoothly during inclement weather conditions due to the dedication of our DPW personnel. The DPW is increasingly utilizing more and more salt to clear the roads due to public demands. This is expensive and detrimental to the environment. We continue to attempt to balance out the needs for public safety, financial accountability and protecting the environment.

The DPW has had a busy year with tree work. Due to budget constraints, the DPW was limited to the removal of trees that were considered to be "emergency" in nature utilizing both in-house and contracted labor. A large percentage of the Town's trees are maturing at the same time; as a result, the amount of work needed is escalating. There are also various diseases that shorten the life of trees such as Elms, Maples, Ash, Oak and Hemlocks that make up a large portion of our tree inventory. The DPW was unable to replace any trees we removed due to funding problems. Hopefully, we can plant several next year.

The opening of the landfill to residents for the disposal of brush and organic debris continues to be in demand. We have numerous residents taking advantage of these drop-offs. The demand is so high we schedule time on Wednesday's once a month, with the exception of December through March. There has been such a good response from the community that we delivered seven truckloads of chipped brush to Brick End Farm, a compost facility located on Highland Street.

PARK DIVISION

Patton Park continues to be the main focus of playing fields for the sport teams of the various Joint Recreation Programs. The continuous use of Patton Park places a heavy burden on the condition of the park but with our staff's diligence and materials and labor financed through the Joint Recreations funds, we continue to keep it in excellent shape.

Although the DPW has not had the time or funding this year, we continue to improve School Street and Cutler Park. This helps relieve Patton Park's "wear and tear" and makes School Street and Cutler Park much more appealing for neighborhood and public use.

We did get some great news and received CPA funding to raise, level and re-seed the "Richard A. Vitale" Ball Field at the park.

CEMETERY DIVISION

The Cemetery remains in great shape. The Cemetery Foreman kept busy mowing well into what is normally planting and pruning season. Our fight with the Japanese beetle grubs continues with positive results using biological means and not chemical pesticides. It is this type of care and dedication that illustrates the fine condition of the cemetery.

The Cemetery conducted the following business:

Sale of Lots:	$ 4,400.00
Perpetual Care:	$ 5,000.00
Openings and Foundations:	$ 29,900.00

The Cemetery Department has also created a site set aside solely for cremation burials. This type of lot has become increasingly popular. Grave lots are available to residents or long time residents at the following rates. If you would wish to purchase a lot contact the Department of Public Works at their office.

Cremation Lot:	$ 450.00 (6)
Standard Single Grave Lot:	$ 450.00
Standard Four Grave Lot:	$1,450.00

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

The Town Mechanic continues to repair our fleet in a professional and expedient manner. Once again, I would like to thank the residents for their support at Town Meeting in allowing us to upgrade and maintain our fleet of vehicles. Although our purchases have been reduced due to budget cuts, the department was able to replace two pick-up trucks, an asphalt roller and also received a grant to purchase a new Holder tractor. Special thanks go to State Rep. Brad Hill, Senator Bruce Tarr, Christine Berry, Dick Flynn and Deborah Nippes-Mena in securing the grant. This will allow us to continue our daily tasks and maintain the roads and sidewalks during snow storms by minimizing break downs.

Our fuel system continues to pass its daily monitoring. The computerized leak detection and fuel-dispensing system is working well. The ability to buy fuel in bulk and "play" the market has allowed us to purchase fuel at a great savings and enables us to keep our fuel purchasing budget down while fuel prices fluctuate.

SANITATION

The Town continues its curbside pick-up contract with Hiltz Disposal Services which includes rubbish, recycling and leaf pick-up for our Town.

Our "Pay as You Throw" metals, tires, TV's, computer monitors, fluorescent lights and refrigerator programs have been very successful this year. The DPW was able to recycle these materials at no cost to the general taxpayer, as the individuals utilizing this service pay for it. We encourage our no cost drop-off of cardboard and nickel/cadmium batteries at Town Hall.

There is also a drop-off point at the Town Clerk's office, Building Inspector's Office or DPW Office for mercury thermostats or any mercury-containing product at no cost and a thermometer exchange program where mercury thermometers are exchanged for electronic read thermometers. It is important to recycle/reuse as much as possible, both for an environmental and economical standpoint. It's the habits that we practice and adopt that will help us recycle more in the future. Recycling bins for curbside pickup are available at Town Hall for new residents or new participants wishing to get involved with the recycling program.

Our refuse disposal and recycling figures for 2007 were as follows:

	2006	2007
Municipal Household Waste:	3,226	2,833
Commingled Curbside Recycling:	623	761
Leaf Collection and Composting:	75	120
All Metals:	55	38
Tires:	583	178
Household Hazardous Waste:	0	78
Corrugated Cardboard:	22	35
TV and Computer Monitors:	568	508
Nickel/ Cadmium Batteries – 5 gallon pail	1	1
Mercury – 5 gallon pail	1	1
Car Batteries	5	5

With help and enthusiasm from the "Recycling Committee" the Town will be implementing a new "Waste Reduction Program" effective March or 2008.

WATER DIVISION

The Gordon "Tiny" Thompson Filtration Plant still continues to produce several hundred thousand gallons of clean water per day. However, the treatment plant is approaching its eighth year of operation and in the near future it will become necessary for the Town to address a number of issues with maintenance/upgrades in areas of the disinfection and treatment process. As we continue to look for additional water sources, several test wells drilled in the Idlewood Well field may be a potential source to have a safe yield comparable to our existing Plateau Well.

The Department of Environmental Protection imposed further restrictions to the Town's Outside Watering/Irrigation By-Law in not allowing the use of sprinkler/irrigation systems from July 2nd until September 30, 2007. However, due to continual dry weather conditions, the Board of Selectmen in serving as the Town's Water Commissioners voted to extend this mandatory restriction to October 15, 2007. The Town's RGPCD (Residential Gallon Per Capita a Day) is 46.3, under the recommended 65 guideline of the DEP. The cooperation of the community illustrates our commitment to protect our well fields, sub-basins and the Ipswich River Basin. We strongly encourage our customers to conserve and thank you for your cooperation.

In August, a sonic leak detection survey was performed on 52 miles of the Town's water mains. The leakage investigation indicated three leaks, one a service leak, the other two hydrant leaks. This survey was conducted as part of the Town's Water Loss Prevention Grant to assist in keeping underground leakage to a minimum. As a result, all were promptly repaired.

We continue to implement our radio read program which is near completion as time permits. This upgraded technology saves the Town many manpower hours in reading water meters and enables the water staff to capitalize on areas of complying with new State regulations, various installations and system repairs.

Our personnel continues to meet the needs for the ever-changing technical field of water treatment by taking exams, attending seminars and receiving advanced Drinking Water Certification Certificates.

We submit this Annual Report to the Board of Selectmen and the residents of this community. If any citizen is in need of information, has questions or comments concerning the Department of Public Works, please feel free to contact us at 978-468-5580 or 5581.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Campana and Timothy Shea
Interim Operation Managers

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Hamilton Selectmen established the Economic Development Committee (EDC) in 2004 in accordance with the recommendations of the Master Plan update completed in that year and at the request of the Hamilton Planning Board. Among its charges, the EDC was to initiate work on ways that Hamilton could modify its land use policies so as to permit non-single family residential projects (like age-restricted and commercial development) and thus expand its tax base and increase its property tax revenues without adding school-age children to the town schools.

In response the EDC undertook three initiatives: (1) the development of a planned alternative development (PAD) zoning bylaw; (2) study and review of impediments to further downtown development; and (3) consideration of the re-development of the Hamilton landfill off of Chebacco Road.

Planned Alternative Development Bylaw: During the winter and spring of 2005, the proposed multi-use bylaw (known as "PAD"-Planned Alternative Development) was created and discussed at length with all town committees and boards, as well as interested town residents. In accordance with the motion at the May 2005 Annual Town meeting, the EDC forwarded the bylaw to the Planning Board for revisions so as to address the objections. At a Hamilton All Board meeting in December 2007, the EDC was directed to bring back the proposed mixed use bylaw. The EDC is working with the Planning Board to define the scope of the mixed use bylaw.

Enhanced Downtown Development: The review of further development to the downtown area has led to the conclusion that adequate septage disposal and parking remain as impediments in the Bay Road and Railroad Avenue blocks. With the support and direction of the Selectmen a brief study was completed for small scale localized septage disposal system along Railroad Avenue but the system was deemed to expensive. The committee also met with local businesses along Railroad Avenue to assess the interest in more density, a combined local septage system and acquisition of land for additional parking. Further work is ongoing on these matters at this time including the consideration of a downtown planning charrette.

Re-development of the Hamilton Landfill: Study and review of possible re-development of the Hamilton landfill is underway by the ten-member Hamilton Landfill Steering Committee appointed by the Selectmen in the summer of 2005. An interim report to the Selectmen was presented before the 2007 Annual Town Meeting which reviewed progress in grant funding sources, grant writers and discussing marketing study options. The outcome of the test wells results, which will dictate the landfill closure requirements, are due in the summer of 2008. A member of the EDC is on the committee and the EDC is actively researching opportunities.

The EDC assisted in assembling the CURP Study for Hamilton and reviewed other land use Committees and Boards proposals, in particular the proposed Senior Housing Bylaw.

The EDC would like to take the opportunity to thank former EDC Chairman Peter Twining for his tremendous contributions while on the EDC. Peter's hard work, great insight and tireless contributions are greatly appreciated by all.

Thanks go to Peter Gourdeau, Carl Swanson, David Lemons and Bob Bullivant for their capable work and tireless contributions to the EDC during 2007

Respectively submitted,

Bill Gisness, Chair

EMERGENCY CENTER

Many changes happened in 2007 at the Hamilton-Wenham Emergency Center. In April, we moved in to the new Hamilton Public Safety Facility, where the communications room is on the first floor allowing total accessibility. Most of the equipment was brought over from the old building and rearranged for better working conditions. We now have a secure room for our equipment which previously was housed in the public hallway and the police garage. There is access flooring with all wiring under the tiles allowing easier reach for repairs.

At the same time, a new 9-1-1 system was installed. We still get the caller information but the biggest technological change is the mapping component. Almost immediately, the location of the caller is shown on the screen. Cell calls are still going to the Massachusetts State Police and being transferred to the local department. The mapping on the cell call is accurate within 50 to 200 meters. A good example of the benefit of this technology was the ability to locate a lost hiker in the Chebacco Woods. While the police were enroute, the dispatcher could see the location on the map and was able to direct the person out to the street.

For the first time, the State Emergency Telecommunications Board has set up a grant program for dispatch training. Our communications center was awarded $5000. The grant amounts were based on population and 9-1-1 call volume. Our dispatchers were able to attend classes on advanced police service, advanced fire service, 9-1-1 liability and certification on the new 9-1-1 equipment, as well as taking several on-line classes. Because of our new facility, we were able to host these classes.

Another grant will allow us to purchase a computer program to enhance emergency medical dispatch. Currently we use a system of flip cards to ascertain the necessary information needed for the EMT's and paramedics in the medical emergency. This will then merge in to the computer aided dispatch program to give more complete details of each call.

A long time goal of having a community notification system will come to pass in 2008. We will be using the same company that provides ConnectEd for the schools. Citizens will be asked to provide any cell phone numbers to supplement the information on home phones. There will be a public education program before this goes in to service.

We are always available to give tours to school and scout groups as well as any interested citizens.

The dispatchers who work for the two towns are a dedicated group. The residents can feel confident that when help is needed at any hour of the day or night, a qualified and caring person will be on the other end of the telephone to render assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Marie Cullen

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Hamilton Fire Department has the following apparatus available for service:

ENGINE 1	1996 Pierce Saber 1250 gpm pumper w/Boat
ENGINE 2	1985 International S-1800/Ranger 1000 gpm pumper
ENGINE 3	2004 Pierce Saber 1500 gpm pumper
LADDER 4	1980 American LaFrance 100' Aerial Ladder
SQUAD 5	2006 Ford F-550 (4X4)/Greenwood Forestry Truck 100 gpm
MOBILE AIR UNIT 6	1994 Ford E-350 Mobile Air Supply Van
SQUAD 7	1995 Ford F-250 Pick-up (4X4)

INCIDENTS 2007

Fire	52
Explosion	1
Rescue Call & EMS	192
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	71
Service Call	116
Good Intent Call	38
False Call	164
Severe weather	3
TOTAL FIRE CALLS	**637**

Fire Prevention did 673 inspections and issued 562 permits, not counting Open Burning Permits.

We have (2) Firefighters certified to do car seat installations. They did 236 installations last year. There is no charge for the installation.

We moved in to the new Public Safety Building last April. We now have room for all our fire apparatus and more office space and storage. We appreciate all the work the Public Safety Building Committee did to get this project passed and especially the support of the voters.

The Fire Department currently has (3) fulltime firefighters and a fulltime Fire Chief, who work during the day. They are also on call at night. The Department relies on call firefighters for sufficient help and to man the weekend shifts. The station is usually manned with 1 to 3 firefighters 6 am to 6 pm on weekdays and 3 firefighters 10 am to 5 pm on weekends.

The Call Firefighters save the town a considerable amount of money. It would cost the town about $2 million per year to man one Engine Company, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. It is getting more difficult to recruit call firefighters, because of the time commitment. The Call Firefighters leave work and their families at a moments notice, in all kinds of weather to assist in any kind of emergency. .

The firefighters on shift do fire prevention programs, inspections, training, maintain equipment and hydrants, install car seats, assist the Police on the ambulance, as well as fire suppression.

Firefighter Justin Tilley started the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's Firefighter I/II Recruit Program for Call Firefighters. He will complete the 168 hour course in February. This course teaches him all the basics of firefighting. It is a combination of lecture and hands on fire training. They also have many hours of homework. They have to pass a written test and a practical test.

Residents should make sure their house numbers are posted and visible from the road, at least 3" numbers. This should be in addition to mailbox numbers.

Common driveways should also have numbers at any splits in the driveway. Make sure numbers are visible after snowstorms. This saves valuable time in an emergency.

Stay fire safe. Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at least once per month and change the batteries at least twice a year at daylight savings. Replace defective detectors. If in doubt, call the Fire Department. Practice the family escape plan often. Keep combustibles away from heating sources and limit the use of extension cords. Call the Fire Prevention Office at (978)468-5558 for a free fire prevention audit of your home.

I would like to thank Herb Ryan for all the help he has given us.

The Fire Department is always there to help the citizens of Hamilton in any kind of emergency at anytime.

Philip W. Stevens, Jr., Fire Chief

THE HAMILTON FOUNDATION

The Hamilton Foundation (THF) was established as a municipal trust by the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting vote. THF was created to help meet the unexpected, urgent short term needs of Hamilton residents due to job loss, death, divorce or illness. The inspiration came from concerned citizens who have personally seen the need for economic support experienced by fellow townspeople. It is a common misperception that Hamilton is a universally affluent community. Severe economic and personal distress does exist here.

THF was not intended to replace traditional governmental welfare programs or social service organizations. Indeed, it directs people to those programs when appropriate. THF does not rely on public funds or tax dollars.

The work of The Hamilton Foundation is carried out by a five member board and a coordinator. The coordinator receives calls from residents in need and in a confidential manner, shares necessary information with the board in order for the latter to make a decision about how to help the resident. Particular assistance might include full or partial payment of a bill or the provision of a scholarship or gift certificate.

The Board meets regularly and is in contact by phone and email between meetings. If the payment of a bill is agreed upon by the board for a resident, that resident is asked to white-out his/her name from the bill and is given a number for purposes of confidentiality. That resident then sends the bill to our P.O. Box at Town Hall and the bill is paid directly to the vendor.

THF was initially funded by the 2005 transfer of $6,331.71 from the Maxwell Norman Trust to The Hamilton Foundation. Subsequent donations and grants have continued to provide the resources needed to carry out THF's mission.

During 2007, THF fundraising activities included a direct mail solicitation sent to all Hamilton residents and two fundraising events. On May 5, the Bach to Beatles and Bach Again benefit concert showcased the talents of local musicians and singers. Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary generously offered the use of their beautiful chapel for the event and provided refreshments. The second annual THF Trick or Treat Trail Run took place at Bradley Palmer State Park on October 20. These efforts increased public awareness of The Hamilton Foundation and its mission and, as of September 15, they had generated more than $10,000 in donations and ticket and entry fees.

Since November, 2005, we have received requests for assistance from more than 35 local residents. From January to November, 20007, THF provided more than $4000 for the payment of electric, heating, rent, mortgage and phone bills and the provision of gift certificates for food and gasoline.

As of February 11, 2008, the current balance of the Hamilton Foundation was $19,692.69.

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

The Hamilton Housing Partnership Committee (HPC) activities and accomplishments for FY 2008 include:

1) The Commonwealth of Massachusetts approved Hamilton's Housing Production plan. The plan indicates that if Hamilton permits approximately 20 units of affordable housing per year, developers will no longer have a right to build 40B affordable housing projects in Hamilton without ZBA approval.

2) The HPC began working with the Economic Development Committee to test the feasibility of a large affordable project in the downtown area. Such a project could be classified as a Smart Growth project which would give developers to build up to 20 units per acre. The HPC sees this as a major concern.

3) The HPC was unable to complete the perc test on the single family home project but hopes to do so in FY '09.

4) The HPC met with a non-profit developer (First Baptist Church of Beverly) and discussed the concept of a large, 100% affordable project. We referred the developer to the Economic Development Committee, as the project would be located downtown.

5) The HPC is considering proposing a Community Development Corp which would have authority to development affordable housing. This initiative would require Town Meeting approval.

6) The Junction, Hamilton's first affordable project (done under 40B regulations) was 75% completed in FY 2008 and occupancy is underway.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENTS

Building Inspector

I herewith submit the report of the Building Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2007.

There were a total of 279 permits issued for 2007.
Among these permits were: 1 house demolished and re-built, and 1 new single family dwelling. This department also issued permits for the construction of the third building of 5 units for the Carriage House Junction 40B development. The rest of the permits issued include: additions, renovations, garages/barns, sheds, non-residential renovations, in-ground and above ground pools, porches/decks, siding/windows/roofing, demolitions, signs and tents.

Charles Brett
Inspector of Buildings

Electrical Inspector

I herewith submit my report as Electrical Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2007.

213 total permits issued
The total permits issued include new dwellings, additions and renovations, garages/barns plus new/upgraded services, pools, alarms, boilers, septic pumps and miscellaneous permits.

Robert B. Brown, Jr.
Electrical Inspector

Plumbing Inspector

I herewith submit my report as Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2007.

133 total plumbing permits issued
The total permits issued include new dwellings, additions, garages/barns plus hot water tanks, backflow preventers, floor drains, water piping and other miscellaneous fixtures.

William C. Thomas, Jr.
Plumbing Inspector

Gas Inspector

I herewith submit my report as Gas Inspector for the year ending December 31, 2007.

127 total gas permits issued
The total permits issued include new dwellings, additions, garages/barns plus fireplace inserts, ranges, heating boilers, furnaces, water heaters, dryers, direct vent heaters, pool heaters, and other miscellaneous fixtures.

I wish to express my appreciation to all I have come in contact with for their cooperation during the performance of my duties.

William C. Thomas, Jr.
Gas Inspector

LANDFILL STEERING COMMITTEE

The Landfill Steering Committee (LSC) met regularly during 2007 and continues to meet during 2008. The mandatory testing required by the State has been completed, and the LSC now awaits the final report on the actual closure of the Landfill.

Preliminary indications are that the Landfill will meet the State's closure standards without any more testing or measures to be taken by the Town. Closure of the Landfill gives the LSC the opportunity to begin the process of development. Members of the LSC have met informally with officials in the Town of Manchester and the threat of Manchester blocking development at the site is minimal. We are about to review an environmental report on the wetlands and endangered species in the area. This will tell us what the actual viable area of development will be.

The process of development of the Landfill will be affected by the State's requirements, by market conditions, by environment factors and by the needs of the Town. At this time the LSC is beginning that process and will be setting our agenda for 2008-2009 with the hope of moving forward in a responsible and visible fashion.

PLANNING BOARD

ORGANIZATION
Marc Johnson remained as Chairman, and Susie Richey as Vice-Chairman. Peter Clark was re-elected for a five year term. Jean Nelson, Planning Coordinator, is employed on a part-time basis for 26 hours a week.

APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED PLANS
290/292 Bridge Street, reconfiguration of lot lines; no new building lots created.
454 Bay Road – 81L filing for two dwelling which predate zoning: Two new lots were created and no new building lots created.
776 Bay Road, reconfiguration of lot lines; no new building lots created.
862 Bay Road and Erin's Way, one new building lot created
22/38 Gardner Street, reconfiguration of lot lines; no new building lots created.
261/265 Cutler Road, plan filed and subsequently withdrawn
33 Waldingfield Road/Highland Street, 3 new lots created from one existing lot, two new building lots created

DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION PLANS
There were no Definitive Subdivision Plans filed in 2007.

SPECIAL PERMITS
448-454 Bay Road, Common Driveway Special Permit

SITE PLAN REVIEW
For Site Plan Review, the Planning Board reviewed each application below, and considered input from town officials, departments, and residents. As required by the Zoning Bylaw, the Board made recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

169 Bay Road, for storage of vehicles
Bay Road, Public Safety Building, revision of parking lot layout
Bay Road, Patton Park, re-review of an application filed in 2004 for the addition of a light
641-645 Bay Road, Abbreviated Site Plan Review for Temporary Farmstands (two separate applications)

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS
The Board proposed the following Zoning Bylaw Amendments for the Annual Town Meeting:
Senior Housing Special Permit (this bylaw was not approved at Town Meeting)
Amendment to Accessory Apartment, Section V.A.11. (e)4
Amendment to Special Permits, Section V.A.11 (d) (both of these amendments were approved)

GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS
At the request of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board researched and drafted two general bylaws. The Stormwater Management Bylaw (General Bylaw XXIX) and Illicit Discharge Detection Elimination Bylaw (General Bylaw XXX) were presented and approved by Special Town Meeting on October 22, 2007.

GENERAL
Bylaws
In the winter of 2007, the primary focus of the Planning Board was drafting of a **Senior Housing Bylaw**. Through February, meetings of the Senior Housing Working Group (SHWG) continued. In mid-February, the Planning Board held an All-Board Meeting, facilitated by Susan Moses of Essex

County Forum, to gather input on a new draft. The draft had been crafted as a result of the twelve Senior Housing Working Group meetings. Key to the new bylaw was a Matrix of Incentives. Under this concept, a lower base density was set, and incentives could bring the density up to a maximum of four dwelling units per acre. Many other suggestions of the SHWG were also incorporated into the draft. The Planning Board then held three nights of hearings through March. The final bylaw voted at Town Meeting was defeated by a vote of 180-113. A two-thirds majority vote is required by state law for zoning bylaws.

The Board also worked on drafting of **Stormwater Management (SWM)** and **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Bylaw (IDDE)** for the October Special Town Meeting. (See above). These are General Bylaws XXIX and XXX. Such bylaws are required under the EPA's NPDES Phase II requirements. Both bylaws were approved at Town Meeting, and the Board is drafting Rules and Regulations to supplement the SWM bylaw.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Board reviewed a draft Planned Production, or Affordable Housing Plan, and provided input to the Board of Selectmen. The plan was submitted to the Department of Housing and Community Development in December for approval. The Board also urged the Board of Selectmen to join the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Coalition, a newly formed organization examining the Commonwealth's 40B statute. MAHC seeks alternative means to create affordable housing, and to give more control to the communities.

The Planning Board filed a preliminary application to the Community Preservation Committee for funds to create an Accessory Apartment loan program. Several ideas to promote affordable housing were considered, including a loan program to help create accessory apartments; a home repair program; and a minor repair program for income eligible senior citizens. These suggestions were made to the Housing Partnership Committee for follow-up with a final Application, but the application was not pursued by the HPC.

ALL-BOARD MEETING

On December 1, 2007, the Planning Board hosted an All-Board Meeting of public officials. Approximately forty public officials attended the five hour meeting held at the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library. The meeting was facilitated by resident Susan Wiltshire. The topic and focus of the meeting was "The Fiscal State of the Town, and Ways to Improve It". Presentations were:

- A detailed fiscal history of the Town, and observation of trends, prepared by Marc Johnson of the Planning Board;
- Economic Development Committee progress and future efforts as presented by Chair Bill Gisness;
- The importance of Open Space Preservation, as discussed by Susanna Colloredo-Mansfeld, Chair of the Open Space Committee;
- An update of the Landfill Steering Committee by Chair David Kerr,
- A discussion of fiscal benefits and alternatives to single family housing, presented by Marc Johnson.

Discussion of these topics, methods to help improve the fiscal picture, and drafting a list of action items followed. The Minutes of the All-Board Meeting are posted on the Town's website www.hamiltonma.gov, under the Planning Board section found in Town Hall Offices.

The Planning Board thanks everyone who attended the meeting. A commitment has been made to hold quarterly meetings of board chairs or department heads, in order to improve communications, and to hold annual All-Board Meetings of all public officials.

A list of priorities to address was defined, and those items will be worked on by various town boards and committees.

In addition to the specific project listed above, the Planning Board meets with or talks with many residents, attorneys, engineers, interested parties, and public officials about lots, land use, and other topics. The Board attempts to balance interest in growth and development with preserving the character of the Town. Members of the Planning Board and the Coordinator have spent many hours, for example, reviewing, commenting, and providing data for the draft and updated Open Space and Recreation Plan; researching files and plans to gain information on street, lots, and neighborhoods, and attending workshops and seminars to stay up to date with new concepts, procedures, and state laws.

HAMILTON PLANNING BOARD

Peter Clark
Marc Johnson, Chair
Rick Mitchell
Susanne Richey, Vice Chair
David Santomenna
Evelyn Shuman
Dorothy Stookey

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my annual report of the activity of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 2007. This year the Police Department logged 17,840 interactions with the public. Of the 17,840 calls, 12,674 were calls for service, including alarms, ambulance runs, animal calls, disturbance calls, fire incidents, motor vehicle related incidents, crimes against property, services rendered, arrests, and summonses. The following is a synopsis of the police activity, broken down by street. We also logged over 100,000 miles on patrol during this past year. This has been the busiest year in the history of the Police Department.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER D. CULLEN
Chief of Police

Adams Road		Arlington Street, con't.		Asbury Street, con't.		Bay Road, con't.	
Assistance rendered	1	911 hang-up/wrong dial	1	Traffic control	5	Alarm, working on	9
Alan Road		Listing	1	Autumn Lane		Community policing	2
Vandalism	1	Arthur Avenue		209A call	1	Child seat info/check	2
Hazards	1	Assistance rendered	1	Alarm police	10	DPW Hamilton	1
Ambulance call	3	General disturbance	1	Animal call	1	Fire, brush	2
Animal call	2	Lock out	1	Assistance rendered	1	Firearms ID card	4
Assistance rendered	5	911 hang-up/wrong dial	1	General disturbance	1	Fire, structure	1
General disturbance	3	Asbury Avenue		Lost and found	1	Fire, other	2
MVA hit and run	1	Animal call	1	Suspicious activity	2	House check info	1
Telephone calls	1	Fireworks	1	Baker Avenue		Listing	36
911 hang-up/wrong call	2	Motor vech complaint	1	Animal call	3	School traffic	332
Motor vehicle stop	1	911 hang-up/wrong dial	2	Assistance rendered	1	Paperwork served	1
Suspicious activity	1	Unwanted guest	1	Bancroft Way		Motor vehicle stop	208
Alexander Way		Asbury Street		Alarm police	1	Suspicious activity	8
Animal call	2	B&E burglary	1	General disturbance	1	Traffic control	4
Suspicious activity	1	Larceny	3	Alarm, working on	1	Transport	3
Annie's Lane		M/V theft	2	House check info	1	Water/ice rescue	1
Ambulance call	1	Check well being	15	Bass Road		Assaults/A&B/DW	1
Animal call	2	B&E of MV	2	Animal call	2	M/V theft	1
General disturbance	1	Hazards	20	Bay Road		RR gates	1
Malicious destruct	1	Alarm fire	5	Larceny	3	Directed patrol	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1	Alarm police	4	Fax received	17	Vandalism	1
Anthony Road		Ambulance call	26	RR gates	13	209A call	1
Alarm police	1	Mutual aid rendered	2	Stolen property	1	Request message del'v	2
Assistance rendered	2	Animal call	31	Vandalism	2	Report recvd no action	1
Domestic	1	Assistance rendered	17	Disorderly person	1	Check well being	19
911 hang-up/wrong dial	3	Juvenile comp	1	Request message del'v	2	B&E of M/V	1
Paperwork served	1	General disturbance	7	Check well being	19	Hazards	22
Appaloosa Lane		Field interview	1	B&E of M/V	1	Alarm fire	9
Assaults/A&B/DW	1	Fire calls	1	Hazards	29	Alarm police	38
Solicitors	1	Fireworks	1	Alarm fire	12	Ambulance call	17
Check well being	1	Malicious mischief	2	Alarm police	20	Animal call	27
Hazards	1	Attempt B&E	2	Ambulance call	23	Assistance rendered	46
Alarm police	3	Skateboard	5	Mutual aid rendered	1	Door/window open bus.	1
Assistance rendered	3	Missing person	1	Animal call	20	Juvenile comp	2
Juvenile comp	1	Lost and found	4	Assistance rendered	57	General disturbance	4
Fire calls	2	Motor vech complaint	13	Building checks	4	Field interview	1
Motor vech complaint	1	MVA invest "accident"	4	Door/window open bus.	1	Fire calls	1
M/V disabled	1	MVA not invest	10	Suicides	1	Malicious destruct	1
Susp M/V	2	MVA hit and run	1	General disturbance	14	Malicious mischief	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1	M/V disabled	1	Field interview	1	Lost and found	4
Fire, structure	1	Lock out	1	Malicious mischief	1	Motor vech complaint	23
Fire, other	1	M/V illegally parked	2	Attempt B&E	1	MVA invest "accident"	6
Listing	1	Susp M/V	7	MVA with pedes	1	MVA not invest	11
Motor vehicle stop	1	Susp person	4	Lost and found	5	MVA hit and run	1
Appleton Avenue		Telephone calls	3	Motor vech complaint	40	M/V disabled	22
Fraud	1	911 hang-up/wrong dial	9	MVA invest "accident"	12	Lock out	1
Check well being	1	Trespass	1	MVA not invest	10	M/V illegally parked	9
Ambulance call	7	Alarm, working on	5	MVA hit and run	3	Susp M/V	4
Animal call	1	Carbon monoxide	3	M/V disabled	21	Susp person	2
Assistance rendered	1	DPW Hamilton	1	Lock out	4	Threats	2
Arabian Way		Fire, other	5	M/V illegally parked	4	911 hang-up/wrong dial	19
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1	House check info	6	Susp M/V	6	Summons served	1
Soliciting	1	Listing	19	Susp person	4	Arrest on warrant	1
Arlington Street		School traffic	1	Telephone calls	1	Alarm, working on	23
Alarm police	2	Paperwork served	2	Threats	2	BOLO	1
Animal call	2	Motor vehicle stop	51	911 hang-up/wrong dial	13	Community policing	4
Building checks	1	Suspicious activity	3	Unwanted guest	1	Fire, auto	1

Bay Road, con't.

Fire, other	2
House check info	10
Inspections	1
Listing	30
School traffic	338
Motor vehicle stop	185
Suspicious activity	5
Traffic control	3
Check well being	1
Hazards	2
Animal call	2
Assistance rendered	1
Lost and found	1
Alarm, working on	1
Community policing	1
Motor vehicle stop	1

Beech Street

Hazards	2
Assistance rendered	1

Beech (ext) Street

911 hang-up/wrong dial	1

Berry Circle

B&E of M/V	1
Hazards	1
Alarm fire	3
Alarm police	2
Ambulance call	3
Animal call	2
Assistance rendered	1
Malicious mischief	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
Fire, other	1
Listing	7
Motor vehicle stop	1

Berrywood Lane

Solicitors	1
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	2
M/V repo	1
Lost and found	1
Susp M/V	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Carbon monoxide	1
House check info	5
Suspicious activity	1

Birch Road

Hazards	2
Animal call	2

Bittersweet Lane

Larceny	1
Alarm fire	1
Animal call	4
General disturbance	1
Alarm, working on	1
Listing	1
Motor vehicle stop	1

Blackbrook Road

Alarm fire	1
Animal call	1
Suspicious activity	1

Blueberry Lane

B&E of M/V	1
Alarm police	2
Ambulance call	3
Mutual aid rendered	1
Animal call	2
Assistance rendered	6
General disturbance	1
Motor vech complaint	1
Susp person	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Fire, other	1
House check info	1
Suspicious activity	1

Boardman Lane

Hazards	1

Boardman Lane, con't.

Alarm fire	1
Alarm police	2
Ambulance call	3
Animal call	5
General disturbance	1
Neighbors	1
Motor vech complaint	1
Lock out	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Listing	1
Suspicious activity	1

Boston Avenue

Hazards	2

Bradford Road

Directed patrol	1
Check well being	1
Ambulance call	1
Motor vech complaint	1
M/V illegally parked	1
Paperwork served	1
Motor vehicle stop	1

Briarcliff Lane

Animal call	1

Bridge Street

M/V theft	1
Solicitors	1
Check well being	5
B&E of M/V	2
Hazards	19
Alarm fire	4
Alarm police	6
Ambulance call	7
Animal call	34
Assistance rendered	10
Building checks	1
Door/window open res.	1
General disturbance	5
Neighbors	1
Field interview	1
Malicious destruct	1
Malicious mischief	1
Lost and found	1
Motor vech complaint	5
MVA invest "accident"	5
MVA not invest	4
M/V disabled	6
Lock out	4
M/V illegally parked	1
Susp M/V	2
911 hang-up/wrong dial	10
Fire, brush	1
Fire, other	3
House check info	5
Listing	14
Paperworked served	1
Motor vehicle stop	36
Suspicious activity	4
Traffic control	3

Carriage Lane

Vandalism	1
Alarm police	4
Animal call	2
Assistance rendered	1
Lock out	1
Susp person	1
Prowler	1
Fire, structure	1

Central Avenue

Ambulance call	1
Assistance rendered	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Fire, other	1

Chebacco Road

209A call	1
Boating	5
Request message del'v	1

Chebacco Road, con't.

Check well being	2
Hazards	8
Alarm fire	2
Alarm police	13
Animal call	15
Assistance rendered	7
General disturbance	3
Fireworks	1
Health/zone/consv	2
Malicious destruct	1
Motor vech complaint	1
M/V abandoned	1
MVA invest "accident"	2
MVA not invest	2
Susp M/V	6
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
Alarm, working on	3
Firearms ID card	1
Fire, other	1
Listing	35
Paperwork served	1
Motor vehicle stop	10
Suspicious activity	3
Lost and found	1

Chestnut Street

Alarm police	1
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	2
General disturbance	1
Field interview	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
Fire, other	1
Listing	1

Cottage Street

B&E of M/V	1
Alarm fire	1
Ambulance call	1
Door/window open res.	1

Crescent Road

Check well being	1
Hazards	1
Ambulance call	4
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	1

Cummings Avenue

Ambulance call	1

Cunningham Drive

Hazards	2
Assistance rendered	1
Motor vech complaint	1
Susp M/V	1
Alarm, working on	1

Cutler Road

Assaults/A&B/DW	1
Vandalism	2
Solicitors	1
Hazards	10
Alarm fire	2
Alarm police	2
Ambulance call	3
Animal call	13
Assistance rendered	3
General disturbance	2
Field interview	1
Cruiser transport	1
Fireworks	2
Missing person	1
Motor vech complaint	4
MVA invest "accident"	1
MVA not invest	4
M/V disabled	4
Lock out	1
Susp M/V	2
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
Community policing	1

Cutler Road, con't.

DPW Hamilton	1
Fire, structure	1
House check info	4
Listing	11
Motor vehicle stop	5
Suspicious activity	2
Transport	1

Day Avenue

Check well being	1
Hazards	2
Assistance rendered	1
Domestic	1
MVA hit and run	1
Telephone calls	1
Carbon monoxide	1
Fire, other	1
House check info	1
Suspicious activity	1

Denise Lane

General disturbance	1
Paperwork served	1

Dentali Road

Hazards	1
General disturbance	1
M/V repo	1

Donald Road

Larceny	1
Ambulance call	5
Animal call	4
Assistance rendered	1
Lost and found	1

Donbyrne Way

Alarm fire	1
Alarm police	3
Assistance rendered	1
Motor vech complaint	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Alarm, working on	1
Fire, auto	1
Paperwork served	1
Suspicious activity	1

Durham Avenue

Hazards	1
Ambulance call	1
Assistance rendered	1
MVA invest "accident"	1
Susp M/V	1
House check info	4
Listing	1
Paperwork served	3

Echo Cove Road

M/V theft	1
Solicitors	2
B&E of M/V	1
Hazards	1
Ambulance call	6
Animal call	2
General disturbance	1
Junk car	1
MVA invest "accident"	1
Susp M/V	1
Susp person	1
Fire, structure	1
Fire, other	1
Listing	3
Recovered stolen MV	1
Paperwork served	1
Suspicious activity	1

Elliott Street

Ambulance call	1
Animal call	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1

Elm Street

Check well being	1
B&E of M/V	1
Alarm fire	1

Elm Street, con't.	
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
House check info	4
Erin's Way	
Alarm police	2
MVA not invest	1
M/V disabled	1
Essex Avenue	
Animal call	1
Essex Street	
Larceny	1
Fraud	1
Drunk/incapacitated	1
Request message del'v	1
Check well being	6
B&E of M/V	1
Hazards	15
Alarm fire	15
Alarm police	26
Ambulance call	15
Animal call	37
Assistance rendered	16
Door/window open bus.	1
Door/window open res.	1
General disturbance	4
Domestic	2
Field interview	2
Lost and found	4
Motor vech complaint	10
MVA invest "accident"	8
MVA not invest	5
M/V disabled	3
Lock out	5
M/V illegally parked	2
Susp M/V	3
Susp person	2
Gordon Conwell compl.	1
Stolen lic. plate	1
Telephone calls	2
911 hang-up/wrong dial	11
Unwanted guest	1
Alarm, working on	39
BOLO	1
Fire, structure	1
Fire, other	6
House check info	2
Listing	13
System trouble	1
Motor vehicle stop	138
Suspicious activity	2
Traffic control	1
Transport	1
Fairfield Drive	
Fraud	1
Solicitors	1
MVA not invest	1
Farrington Lane	
Hazards	2
Alarm fire	2
Alarm police	3
Animal call	2
Assistance rendered	3
Alarm, working on	2
Forest Street	
Check well being	2
Hazards	4
Alarm police	1
Ambulance call	4
Animal call	4
Assistance rendered	4
Juvenile comp	1
Neighbors	1
Malicious destruct	1
Motor vech complaint	3
MVA invest "accident"	1
M/V disabled	1
Telephone calls	1

Forest Street, con't.	
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
DPW Hamilton	1
Fire, other	1
Listing	4
Motor vehicle stop	3
Fox Run Road	
Check well being	1
Animal call	1
Building checks	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Listing	1
Gail Avenue	
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	2
Assistance rendered	4
Gardner Street	
B&E of M/V	2
Hazards	2
Alarm fire	4
Alarm police	4
Ambulance call	2
Animal call	4
Assistance rendered	2
General disturbance	2
M/V repo	1
Motor vech complaint	2
MVA not invest	1
Susp M/V	1
Community policing	1
House check info	5
Listing	2
Motor vehicle stop	20
Garfield Avenue	
Assaults/A&B/DW	1
Check well being	2
Ambulance call	6
Assistance rendered	2
Domestic	1
Fire calls	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Listing	1
Un attend death	1
Gifford Road	
Services rendered	1
Goodhue Street	
B&E of M/V	1
Hazards	1
Alarm police	5
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	1
Missing person	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	3
House check info	2
Listing	1
Motor vehicle stop	2
Suspicious activity	1
Grant Avenue	
Ambulance call	1
General disturbance	1
Malicious destruct	1
Firearms ID card	1
Listing	2
Greenbrook Road	
Check well being	1
Animal call	3
Assistance rendered	3
Fire calls	1
Susp person	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	3
Fire, structure	1
House check info	3
Listing	1
Suspicious activity	1
Gregory Island Road	
Fraud	1
B&E of M/V	1

Gregory Island Road, con't.	
Hazards	3
Alarm police	1
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	10
Assistance rendered	2
General disturbance	3
Fireworks	2
Missing person	1
Susp M/V	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
Fire, other	1
Paperwork served	1
Suspicious activity	2
Griffith Road	
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	2
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Hamilton Avenue	
Fraud	1
Check well being	3
Hazards	1
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	4
Assistance rendered	1
General disturbance	1
MVA not invest	1
M/V disabled	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Fire, other	1
Listing	2
Suspicious activity	1
Hamlin Avenue	
Check well being	1
Harris Avenue	
Ambulance call	1
Assistance rendered	1
Building checks	1
Hatfield Road	
Fraud	1
Hazards	1
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	1
Telephone calls	1
Haven Avenue	
Suspicious activity	1
Hedding Avenue	
Animal call	4
Hickory Lane	
Hazards	1
Ambulance call	2
Animal call	1
Carbon monoxide	1
Motor vehicle stop	1
High Rock Road	
Alarm police	1
Highland Street	
Assaults/A&B/DW	1
B&E burglary	2
Larceny	6
M/V theft	1
Vandalism	1
209A call	2
Solicitors	1
Request message del'v	1
Check well being	6
B&E of M/V	5
Hazards	19
Alarm fire	8
Alarm police	12
Ambulance call	15
Animal call	7
Assistance rendered	15
General disturbance	10
Neighbors	1
Field interview	2

Highland Street, con't.	
Health/zone/consv	1
Malicious destruct	1
Missing person	1
Motor vech complaint	6
MVA invest "accident"	1
MVA not invest	4
M/V disabled	5
Lock out	3
Susp M/V	5
Suspicious person	1
Prowler	1
Telephone calls	2
Threats	2
911 hang-up/wrong dial	12
Trespass	1
Arrest on warrant	1
Alarm, working on	14
Community policing	1
Fire, brush	1
Fire, other	3
House check info	5
Listing	20
Paperwork served	9
Soliciting	2
Motor vehicle stop	48
Suspicious activity	7
Traffic control	1
Transport	1
Check well being	1
B&E of M/V	4
Hazards	5
Alarm fire	1
Alarm police	5
Ambulance call	2
Animal call	2
Assistance rendered	5
Building checks	1
Field interview	1
Fire calls	2
Lost and found	1
Motor vech complaint	1
M/V disabled	4
Susp M/V	6
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Alarm, working on	1
House check info	4
Listing	15
Motor vehicle stop	19
Suspicious activity	3
Assistance rendered	1
MVA invest "accident"	1
Hazards	1
Home Street	
Ambulance call	1
MVA hit and run	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Suspicious activity	1
Homestead Circle	
Solicitors	1
Check well being	1
Hazards	1
Alarm fire	1
Ambulance call	5
Animal call	7
General disturbance	2
Fire calls	2
MVA invest "accidents"	1
Arrest on warrant	1
Fire, auto	2
Fire, other	1
House check info	1
Listing	1
Honesuckle Road	
Directed patrol	1
Check well being	1
Hazards	1

Honeysuckle Road, con't.

Ambulance call	4
Animal call	1
Lost and found	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Fire, other	1
Suspicious activity	2

Horseshoe Lane

B&E of M/V	1
Lost and found	1
House check info	1
Listing	1

Howard Street

Vandalism	1
B&E of M/V	1
Hazards	1
Alarm police	2
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	5
Assistance rendered	1
Domestic	1
Field interview	1
Malicious mischief	1
Lost and found	1
M/V abandoned	1
Susp M/V	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	4
Carbon monoxide	1
Fire, other	1
Listing	1
Paperwork served	1
Motor vehicle stop	1
Suspicious activity	1

Hunter Lane

Solicitors	1
Animal call	1

Idlewood Avenue

Listing	1

Juniper Road

B&E of M/V	3
Hazards	1
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	5
Assistance rendered	1
Lost and found	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	3
Listing	2
Suspicious activity	1

Kennedy Road

Animal call	2

Kinsman Lane

Alarm police	1
Motor vech complaint	1
M/V disabled	1
House check info	1
Listing	2

Knoll Road

Assistance rendered	1

Knowlton Street

Assaults/A&B/D	1
Disorderly person	1
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	1
General disturbance	1
Fire calls	1
Telephone calls	1
House check info	4
Listing	1
Suspicious activity	2

Lake Drive

Vandalism	1
Check well being	5
Hazards	3
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	4
Assistance rendered	1
Juvenile comp	1

Lake Drive, con't.

Death sudden	1
Neighbors	2
Malicious destruct	2
Malicious mischief	1
Motor vech complaint	3
Susp M/V	1
Susp person	1
Threats	2
911 hang-up/wrong dial	4
House check info	2
Listing	5
Motor vehicle stop	1
Suspicious activity	2

Lake Shore Avenue

Boating	1
Check well being	2
Alarm fire	1
Alarm police	1
Assistance rendered	4
Motor vech complaint	2
M/V abandoned	1
House check info	1
Listing	1
Motor vehicle stop	1
Suspicious activity	1
Water/ice rescue	1

Lee Park

Check well being	1
Assistance rendered	1
General disturbance	4
Susp M/V	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Fire, other	1
Suspicious activity	1

Leigh Road

Ambulance call	1
Animal call	1
General disturbance	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
DPW Hamilton	1
Hazards	2
Alarm police	3
Ambulance call	8
Animal call	4
Assistance rendered	6
Missing person	1
Lost and found	1
Motor vech complaint	2
MVA hit and run	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
DPW Hamilton	1
Fire, other	1
Suspicious activity	1

Lincoln Avenue

Animal call	4
Ambulance call	6
MVA hit and run	1
M/V complaint	1
Fire, other	1

Linden Street

Check well being	11
Hazards	5
Alarm fire	1
Alarm police	2
Ambulance call	6
Animal call	13
Assistance rendered	3
General disturbance	3
Field interview	3
Lost and found	3
Motor vech complaint	5
MVA invest "accident"	4
M/V disabled	1
Lock out	1
M/V illegally parked	1
Susp person	1

Linden Street, con't.

911 hang-up/wrong dial	4
Alarm, working on	5
Community policing	1
DP Hamilton	2
House check info	1
Listing	6
Motor vehicle stop	2
Suspicious activity	1
Traffic control	1

Lois Street

Check well being	1
Hazards	3
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	7
Field interview	1
M/V disabled	1
Telephone calls	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
House check info	1

Longmeadow Way

Animal call	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Firearms ID card	1

Lorenzo Avenue

Alarm police	2
Ambulance call	6
General disturbance	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
House check info	2
Paperwork served	1
Motor vehicle stop	1

Madonna Drive

General disturbance	2
MVA hit and run	1
M/V illegally parked	1
Listing	1

Manor Hill Road

Animal call	1

Maple Avenue

Services rendered	3

Maple Street

Directed patrol	1
Disorderly person	1
Solicitors	2
Hazards	2
Ambulance call	7
Animal call	4
General disturbance	1
MVA with pedes	1
Motor vech complaint	1
Arrest on warrant	1
Carbon monoxide	1
Fire, other	2
Listing	1

Margaret Road

Check well being	5
Hazards	1
Ambulance call	2
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	5
Field interview	1
Lost and found	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	3
DPW Hamilton	1
House check info	1
Motor vehicle stop	1

Margerie Street

Check well being	2
Hazards	2
Ambulance call	3
General disturbance	1
Field interview	1
House check info	1

Martel Road

Alarm police	1
Animal call	1

Martel Road, con't.

Malicious destruct	1
Susp /MV	1
Telephone calls	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
House check info	3
Listing	1
Motor vehicle stop	3

McClintock Avenue

M/V repo	1

Meyer Lane

Hazards	1
Alarm police	2
Ambulance call	1
Assistance rendered	1

Meyer Road

Vandalism	1
Request message del'v	1
Hazards	1
Alarm fire	1
Alarm police	3
Animal call	2
Assistance rendered	3
General disturbance	1
Attempt B&E	1
Motor vech complaint	1
Susp M/V	2
Fire, other	1
Listing	1
Paperwork served	1
Suspicious activity	1
House check info	1

Miles River Road

Larceny	1
Fraud	1
Vandalism	1
Solicitors	1
Check well being	1
Hazards	4
Alarm fire	1
Alarm police	12
Animal call	5
Assistance rendered	1
Fire calls	1
Malicious mischief	1
Motor vech complaint	2
MVA invest "accident"	1
M/V disabled	2
Susp M/V	3
Susp person	1
DPW Hamilton	1
Listing	6
Motor vehicle stop	11

Mill Street

Larceny	1
Request message del'v	3
Hazards	2
Alarm fire	1
Ambulance call	2
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	2
Building checks	1
Missing person	1
Lock out	1
Fire, other	1
House check info	1
Listing	1
Paperwork served	1
Motor vech complaint	2

Moulton Street

Larceny	2
Vandalism	1
B&E of M/V	2
Hazards	3
Alarm police	7
Ambulance call	5
Animal call	3

Moulton Street, con't.	
Assistance rendered	4
Door/window open res.	1
Malicious destruct	2
MVA not invest	1
Lock out	3
Susp M/V	2
Alarm, working on	1
Community policing	1
DPW Hamilton	1
Fire, other	2
House check info	9
Listing	3
Motor vehicle stop	6
Suspicious activity	2
Moynihan Road	
Check well being	3
Ambulance call	5
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	2
Lost and found	1
M/V illegally parked	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Suspicious activity	2
Naples Road	
Animal call	2
Malicious mischief	1
Fire, other	1
Paperwork served	1
Norman Road	
Solicitors	1
Ambulance call	2
Motor vech complaint	1
Threats	1
House check info	1
North Street	
Ambulance call	3
Animal call	3
Assistance rendered	1
Northedge Road	
Alarm police	2
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	1
M/V illegally parked	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
House check info	6
Oak Avenue	
Ambulance call	1
Lost and found	1
Oak Street	
Animal call	1
Old Cart Road	
Alarm police	1
Ambulance call	4
Animal call	4
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
Fire, other	2
House check info	4
Listing	1
Orchard Road	
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
Listing	1
Ortins Road	
209A call	1
Check well being	1
Hazards	2
Ambulance call	6
Animal call	2
Lost and found	1
M/V illegally parked	2
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Listing	2
Soliciting	1
Suspicious activity	2
Overhead Drive	
Assistance rendered	1

Paddock Lane	
Alarm police	1
Alarm, working on	2
House check info	2
Park Street	
Ambulance call	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Motor vehicle stop	1
Partridgeberry Lane	
Larceny	1
Alarm fire	1
Alarm police	6
Ambulance call	2
Animal call	2
Assistance rendered	1
Motor vech complaint	1
Suspicious person	1
Paperwork served	1
Patton Drive	
M/V theft	1
Alarm fire	3
Alarm police	5
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	3
Lock out	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Alarm, working on	3
Carbon monoxide	1
Listing	1
Suspicious activity	2
Perkins Avenue	
Ambulance call	2
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	1
Juvenile comp	1
Listing	1
Picree Avenue	
Listing	1
Pilgrim Road	
Animal call	2
General disturbance	2
Domestic	2
Field interview	1
Suspicious activity	1
Pine Street	
Fraud	1
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	1
Motor vech complaint	1
Listing	1
Pine Tree Drive	
Alarm police	1
Animal call	1
Telephone calls	2
Pleasant Avenue	
Check well being	1
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	2
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
Pleasant Street	
Directed patrol	1
Plum Street	
Check well being	1
Assistance rendered	1
General disturbance	1
Lock out	1
Alarm, working on	1
Listing	1
Plum Tree Court	
General disturbance	1
Hazards	3
Ambulance call	3
Assistance rendered	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Porter Lane	
Hazards	4
Assistance rendered	6

Porter Lane, con't.	
Ambulance call	3
Postgate Road	
Larceny	1
Check well being	2
Hazards	2
Ambulance call	4
Assistance rendered	1
General disturbance	5
Domestic	3
Neighbors	2
Malicious mischief	1
Missing person	1
Motor vech complaint	1
Lock out	2
Prowler	1
Telephone calls	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
House check info	3
Listing	2
Suspicious activity	1
Prides Park	
Susp M/V	1
Listing	1
Prospect Street	
Larceny	1
Alarm police	1
Motor vech complaint	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Railroad Avenue	
Larceny	2
Vandalism	1
Check well being	6
Hazards	10
Alarm fire	6
Alarm police	17
Ambulance call	50
Animal call	5
Assistance rendered	12
Building checks	2
Juvenile comp	1
General disturbance	9
Field interview	1
Fire calls	1
Malicious mischief	1
Skate board	2
Lost and found	5
Motor vech complaint	5
MVA invest "accident"	2
MVA not invest	4
MVA hit and run	3
M/V disabled	1
Lock out	7
M/V illegally parked	4
Suspicious person	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	4
Alarm, working on	7
Community policing	1
Fire, other	1
Listing	18
Motor vehicle stop	5
Suspicious activity	3
Red Coach Road	
Vandalism	1
209A call	1
Check well being	2
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	1
General disturbance	1
Domestic	1
Listing	1
Motor vehicle stop	1
Ricker Circle	
B&E of M/V	2
Alarm fire	1
Ambulance call	1

Ricker Circle, con't.	
Assistance rendered	1
Domestic	1
Motor vech complaint	2
Rock Maple Avenue	
B&E burglary	1
Hazards	1
Alarm fire	1
Alarm police	10
Ambulance call	3
Animal call	7
General disturbance	1
Susp M/V	2
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
Alarm, working on	2
House check info	4
Listing	4
Paperwork served	2
Motor vehicle stop	2
Suspicious activity	2
Roosevelt Avenue	
Domestic	1
Suspicious activity	1
Rust Street	
Larceny	1
Request message del'v	1
Check well being	3
Hazards	3
Ambulance call	13
Animal call	3
Assistance rendered	6
General disturbance	4
Lost and found	1
Motor vech complaint	1
MVA not invest	1
Lock out	8
Susp M/V	1
Suspicious person	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Alarm, working on	1
DPW Hamilton	3
House check info	2
Listing	2
Motor vehicle stop	1
Sagamore Street	
Directed patrol	1
Solicitors	1
Request message del'v	1
Check well being	1
B&E of M/V	1
Hazards	6
Alarm fire	4
Alarm police	5
Ambulance call	5
Animal call	6
Assistance rendered	5
Building checks	1
General disturbance	1
Domestic	1
Fire calls	1
Malicious destruct	1
Motor vech complaint	1
MVA invest "accient"	4
MVA not invest	2
MVA hit and run	1
M/V disabled	1
M/V illegally parked	1
Susp M/V	3
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Alarm, working on	3
Fire, other	4
House check info	3
Listing	8
Soliciting	1
Motor vehicle stop	7
Suspicious activity	3

Sagamore Farm Road

Alarm fire	2
Alarm police	3
Ambulance call	1
Assistance rendered	1
General disturbance	2
Cruiser transport	1
Fire calls	1
MVA invest "accident"	1
Alarm, working on	4
House check info	1
Motor vehicle stop	1
Suspicious activity	1

Savoy Road

Check well being	1
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
House check info	1

School Street

B&E burglary	1
Larceny	1
Directed patrol	1
Request message del'v	1
Check well being	2
Hazards	3
Alarm fire	7
Ambulance call	6
Animal call	2
Assistance rendered	11
General disturbance	1
Malicious mischief	1
Skate board	1
MVA not invest	1
M/V disabled	1
Susp person	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	4
Alarm, working on	1
DPW Hamilton	1
House check info	8
Listing	7
System trouble	1
Motor vehicle stop	4
Suspicious activity	2

Sharon Road

Directed patrol	1
Hazards	2
Ambulance call	2
Assistance rendered	2
Motor vehicle stop	1
Susp M/V	3
House check info	2
Listing	1
Motor vehicle stop	19
Suspicious activity	1

Skinner Avenue

Assistance rendered	2

Spingler Drive

Alarm police	4

Stopford Street

Ambulance call	1

Sunset Lane

Animal call	1
Fire, structure	1

Surrey Lane

Ambulance call	1
Field interview	1
Motor vech complaint	1
Susp M/V	1

Taft Woods Row

B&E of M/V	1
Hazards	1
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	4
Assistance rendered	3
911 hang-up/wrong dial	2
Motor vehicle stop	1

Tally Ho Drive

Check well being	1
Ambulance call	1
Anim	5
Assistance rendered	1
Malicious destruct	1
Susp M/V	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
House check info	2

Union Street

Check well being	1
Hazards	3
Alarm fire	4
Alarm police	3
Ambulance call	8
Animal call	3
Assistance rendered	7
Juvenile comp	2
General disturbance	2
Domestic	1
Skate board	1
M/V repo	1
Lost and found	3
Motor vech complaint	3
MVA invest "accident"	3
M/V disabled	2
Telephone calls	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	7
Arrest on warrant	1
Alarm, working on	16
Community policing	2
Fire, other	1
House check info	1
Listing	4
Motor vehicle stop	1
Suspicious activity	2
Traffic control	4

Veranda Circle

Alarm police	1

Villa Road

Domestic	1
Firearms ID card	1
Listing	1
Suspicious activity	1

Village Lane

Check well being	2
Hazards	2
Ambulance call	1
Assistance rendered	6
General disturbance	1
Susp M/V	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Fire, other	2

Waldingfield Road

B&E of M/V	1
Hazards	2
Ambulance call	1
Domestic	1
Lost and found	1
Susp M/V	1
Alarm, working on	1
DPW Hamilton	1
Fire, other	1
Listing	1
Motor vehicle stop	1
Suspicious activity	1

Walnut Lane

General disturbance	1
Motor vehicle stop	1

Walnut Road

Larceny	3
RR gates	7
Liquor law violations	1
Check well being	8
Hazards	9
Alarm fire	3
Alarm police	31

Walnut Road, con't.

Ambulance call	6
Animal call	22
Assistance rendered	12
Building checks	1
Door/window open bus.	3
Juvenile comp	1
General disturbance	12
Field interview	1
Malicious mischief	1
Skate board	4
Lost and found	12
Motor vech complaint	5
MVA invest "accident"	4
MVA not invest	6
MVA hit and run	3
M/V disabled	7
Lock out	5
M.V illegally parked	2
Susp M/V	1
Susp person	1
Telephone calls	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	11
Alarm, working on	1
Sire, structure	1
Fire, other	4
Listing	23
Soliciting	1
Motor vehicle stop	16
Suspicious activity	4

Washington Avenue

Hazards	2
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Listing	1

Western Avenue

Hazards	1
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	1

Whipple Road

Hazards	1
Alarm police	1
Ambulance call	1
Lock out	1
Susp M/V	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
House check info	2

Willow Street

Fax received	1
Request message del'v	1
Check well being	3
Hazards	7
Alarm fire	7
Alarm police	1
Ambulance call	10
Animal call	6
Assistance rendered	8
Building checks	1
Door/window open bus.	4
General disturbance	3
Field interview	1
Fireworks	2
Malicious destruct	1
Motor vech complaint	1
MVA not invest	2
MVA hit and run	2
M/V disabled	2
Lock out	2
Susp M/V	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	3
Unwanted guest	1
Alarm, working on	6
Child seat info/check	1
Fire, other	5
House check info	1
Listing	17
Paperwork served	6
System trouble	1

Willow Street, con't.

Motor vehicle stop	3
Suspicious activity	2

Winthrop Street

Hazards	4
Alarm fire	1
Alarm police	4
Ambulance call	2
Animal call	1
General disturbance	1
Motor vech complaint	1
Susp M/V	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1

Woodbury Street

M/V theft	1
Check well being	3
Hazards	2
Alarm fire	2
Alarm police	2
Ambulance call	2
Animal call	7
Assistance rendered	2
General disturbance	2
Neighbors	2
Malicious destruct	1
Lost and found	1
Motor vech complaint	1
MVA invest "accident"	1
MVA not invest	2
M/V disabled	2
Lock out	1
Suspicious person	2
911 hang-up/wrong dial	5
Alarm, working on	2
DPW Hamilton	1
Fire, other	1
House check info	1
Listing	1
Motor vehicle stop	18
Suspicious activity	3
Hamilton water dept.	1

Woodland Meade

Larceny	1
Check well being	1
Alarm fire	1
Alarm police	3
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	1
Assistance rendered	2
Lock out	1
Susp M/V	1
911 hang-up/wrong dial	1
Alarm, working on	1
House check info	3
Listing	3

Woodside Road

Solicitors	1
Ambulance call	1
Animal call	1

PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Hamilton-Wenham Public Library continued to be a welcoming destination and a source of information, leisure reading, meeting spaces and cultural programming for our two towns. The Library Trustees who served during 2007 were Wendy Daynes, Chair; Doris Gallant, Secretary; Annette Janes; Madelyn Liberti; Joanne Ridinger; and Elizabeth Stanton. The trustees generally meet on the second Thursday of the month and they are to be commended for their leadership and dedication to the library. One of their prime achievements this year was to establish a Policy on Professional Education Incentive to encourage staff members in their pursuit of a Master's Degree in Library Science.

As usual, the library staff has been terrific; their industriousness, creativity, enthusiasm and commitment to excellent service make the library an inviting institution dedicated to lifelong learning and the joy of reading. In 2007, we reached our highest circulation ever. A total of 229,387 items circulated during the year. Our meeting rooms were used by community groups and library programs a total of 842 times. The library offered 179 adult programs, 75 young adult programs and 275 children's programs. Our reference department answered 15,701 reference questions and our study rooms were used a total of 1,628 times. We also hosted six excellent art exhibits during the year that attracted many visitors to our facility. We installed six new computers and now offer 18 workstations for the public to use.

At least 1,912 children and 156 teens participated in our Summer Reading Program, "Catch the Beat at Your Library," which included many reading incentives and popular programs such as "Jewels from Mesopotamia: Kurdish Stories and Songs" by Diane Edgecomb, our 9th annual Vehicle Night, a visit from "The Spoon Man", and Charlie Hoffman's Monarch Butterfly Program. The teens enjoyed many programs including "Dance, Dance Revolution" and "Guitar Hero Night." We also supported the schools by providing Summer Reading materials.

This summer we also launched a new and successful partnership with the staff of the House of Seven Gables. Hamilton-Wenham adults were encouraged to read A Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne and one of our popular related activities was a field trip to the House of Seven Gables for a tour and a lecture. The Friends of the Library generously donated a pass to the Gables and many patrons have enjoyed visiting this historic landmark.

We added the "Series Adventure Club" which is our third story hour for elementary school children and continued to offer our popular story hours for preschoolers and babies. The library won a two-year LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant for "Tweens and Teens" totaling $20,000. This money will be used to improve the Young Adult area and purchase materials to improve our services and collection for youth from 11 to 18 years of age. Our Young Adult Advisory Group, the "Teen Think Tank" is instrumental in helping staff fulfill the requirements of the grant. The grant will also be used to improve resource sharing and communication with the Middle School and High School Library staff so that all students will be aware of and able to benefit from the public library's resources. A $600 grant supplied new music CDs for our collection.

Adults enjoyed many special programs, including an author visit from Megan Marshall author of The Peabody Sisters, Three Women who Ignited American Romanticism, the monthly Literary Luncheon, a Genealogy Lock-in, and a foreign film series in the fall. Our senior citizens enjoyed a wide variety of speakers and fellowship at our monthly Koffee Klatch.

During 2007 we launched our first Community Read. We read Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder and were privileged to partner with Gordon College to have Tracy Kidder speak about his book at the A.J Memorial Chapel on March 21, 2007. In 2008 we are celebrating our second community read: "Two Books for Two Towns. We will offer a variety of programs and activities related to A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson and Reading the Forested Landscape: a Natural History of New England by Tom Wessels. Tom Wessels will speak at Gordon College on April 8, 2008. Patrons of all ages are invited and encouraged to participate in the related activities and read the books.

Many of our programs are funded by the generous support of the Friends of the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library who are a stellar group of dedicated volunteers. They held two very profitable book sales and a successful membership drive. The friends purchased a stately podium for our meeting room. They continue to provide the means for the library to offer the following museum passes for the public to enjoy: Boston by Foot, Children's Museum in Boston, Cape Ann Historical Museum in Gloucester, DeCordova Museum in Lincoln, Department of Conservation and Recreation Parks Pass, House of Seven Gables, JFK Library and Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, Roger Williams Park Zoo, and the Wenham Museum. Passes can call to reserve passes or sign-up remotely with their library card.

We could not operate without our dedicated volunteers who cheerfully and faithfully help us in countless ways to keep the library running smoothly. We also work with volunteers who have school and diversion program community service requirements. We also received some very generous donations from patrons which helped us add timely and important items to our collection.

In 2007 we started using DreamWeaver to author our website at www.hwlibrary.org. We continue to list our programs and events on our website. Patrons can order library materials from home and access many databases using their library cards. Besides the statewide and consortium databases, we offer our Hamilton-Wenham citizens access to Ancestry.com Library edition and the ABC-Clio Geography Database. We also offer the full Britannica.com which can be used remotely day and night. Ancestry.com offers HeritageQuest which can be accessed from home using one's library card barcode and the geography database can be accessed remotely with the user name and password of hwplpatron.

The library staff and trustees work hard to constantly improve collections and services. We greatly appreciate the citizens of Hamilton and Wenham; they are tremendously supportive and value education, learning and reading. We look forward to another great year in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Dempsey, Library Director

HAMILTON-WENHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The Director Jan Dempsey brings great energy, experience and efficiency to the operation of the library. The Trustees unanimously commend her for all of her excellent and successful efforts. Despite many staff changes during 2007, the Hamilton-Wenham Public Library continues to experience success and growth. Citizens from Hamilton, Wenham and many other communities enjoy the library and its many resources. This past year the circulation figures for the library saw constant increases. The library is busy all day and evening, and the public meeting rooms are in constant demand. Despite being stretched to the limit and the many staff changes, the library staff continues to perform at a high level of professionalism and competence. The Trustees acknowledge their outstanding public service. The Trustees continue to work for salaries that are more equitable for all of their employees. The Trustees unanimously created the Policy on Professional Education Incentive for Library Staff, which is for continuing education costs for staff members who wish to pursue a degree in library science. Expenses are covered with interest from the Katherine Duffy Trust Fund.

The State funding and our two Towns' tax dollars, which fund the operation of our library, do not cover all of the expenses, and certainly not the extras, which include special programs and speakers, staff development and even some basic costs such as supplies and equipment.
In 2007, the Trustees and Director raised $5803.00 by requesting charitable giving. The State also contributed some matching funds as an incentive to local efforts. The Staff and the Trustees continue to take advantage of available grants and state aid to fund programs: The $7500 Grant "On the Same Page" helped fund Hamilton and Wenham's first Community Read and we were please to have Tracy Kidder, author of Mountains Beyond Mountains come and talk about his book. An LSTA grant "Serving Tweens and Teens" will supplement staffing, library materials and services for the teens of our community for a two-year period. The Teen Think Tank created a plan to improve the Young Adult Space with painting. State Aid Funds will fund a Shelving Proposal.

Memorial Gifts were received in memory of Esther Noren, John Richards, Eileen White, Eileen Suppess, and Kay Duryea. A bequest was received from the estate of Susan D. Little. Many generous patrons also donated funds to the library. David Dearborn donated a Historical (1910) map of Hamilton and Wenham. The map and a preconstruction photograph of the library site, which have been professionally framed, are hanging outside of the Local History Room on the second floor of the library.

In Memoriam Frederick C. Batchelder, former Trustee of the Wenham Public Library for many years passed away on March 14, 2007 at the age of 95.

The Friends of the Library continue to be of great financial support to the library and its mission. They fund countless programs, purchase equipment and furniture and pay for the extensive collection of museum passes.

The library's website at www.hwlibrary.org continues to be a very useful resource, providing information about programs, giving access to the databases and enabling citizens to order books online as well as from their home. A number of local talented artists show their work throughout year and we thank them for their generosity of sharing their work with the community. The trustees appreciate the support of the community and encourage everyone to enjoy the library and its many resources and programs.

Doris Gallant, Secretary
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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Our commitment to continue to fund facility improvements, even in hard economic times, has become more trying. We were able to place a new play structure at the field behind the Recreation Center and with continued support of the Hamilton DPW arrange an agreement that the Town of Hamilton maintain the Donovan field to save the Youth Sports organizations the financial strain for trying to maintain this wonderful donation to the community. New benches, backstops and bleachers grace Patton and Pingree Park and work is planned for the outdoor basketball court as well as the tennis courts in both towns. It is our goal to help the Friends of Buker fundraise for a new gym floor.

On the program side of our mission, new programs included many special events for the community funded by the Recreation Department, including Pumpkins in the Park, Winterfest, Kite Day and Jump into Spring. This is new to us and was a wonderful addition to the community's offerings and an exciting partnership with the Police, COA, Community House and Arts Council. We look forward to many more collaborations in the future.

In addition to the classes we continued to offer, we were pleased to offer new classes for preschoolers and some art and science classes were added to grace our school year brochure. We will continue to branch out to offer programs not traditionally associated with the Recreation Department.

Maggie Whitesell, Director

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RECREATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Hamilton-Wenham Recreation Department provides a wide variety of programs designed to improve the quality of life for resident by meeting physical and recreational needs. We promote life-long lesson through play, education and community wide events.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

The Hamilton Recycling Committee is comprised of members appointed by the Board of Selectman. The Committee has been meeting regularly over the past two years. In October 2007, the Town of Hamilton, approved at Town Meeting an amendment that allowed the Selectman to authorize a town-wide waste reduction program to begin on March 12, 2008. Hamilton is the 120th town in Massachusetts to put a waste reduction program in place. For Hamilton, this program requires each household to place up to 1 barrel of trash in a 35 gallon container on the curb with an unlimited amount of recycling. Any household with trash in excess of the 35 gallon container must purchase official trash bags from Hansburys, True Value, or Crosby's at a cost of $1.75 each. Households, located on multiple driveways or with multiple families at one location, need to obtain a sticker for their trash barrel to differentiate each household.

The Committee has set up programs to support the waste reduction program including: 1) visiting homes to train families on recycling; 2) operating a hot line to provide waste information to Hamilton residents; 3) holding a series of public meetings and seeking out speaking engagements to inform residents about waste issues; 4) working out of the Town Hall to answer residents questions; 5) developing a series of articles for the paper to answer questions received on the new program; 6) establishing a website where residents can offer unwanted, but still useable items for free on the Yahoo freecycle website at : <groups.yahoo.com/group/freecyclehamiltonwenham>; 7) coaching institutions that rent their facilities to outside groups on how to maximize recycling and minimize the solid waste the groups produce, at no cost to the host institution; 8) arranging for "at cost" composters to be available at Corliss Brothers in Ipswich to residents who signed up this spring, and then later for others at Green Meadows Farm in Hamilton; 9) exploring the possibility of a "Swap Shop" being created behind Town Hall in conjunction with the Boy Scouts Eagle Program.

The Committee/DPW applied for and received a $10,000 grant to initiate the waste reduction program for the Town. This grant covered the initial shipment of bags, publicity for the program, technical assistance from a DEP advisor and other related costs.

Other trash options include: Enforcement of the state-wide ban on placing random cardboard in the trash. All cardboard must be either broken down into 2'X 2' pieces and tied, or brought to the town hall broken down but not cut up and placed in the dumpster. The Committee has been working with the Town's DPW and its trash collector to enforce this rule. In addition, the Committee has been working with local garden centers and farms to encourage composting of food/plants.

GOOD NEWS.

- With the implementation of the Town's "Waste Reduction Program", trash tonnage has dropped dramatically, and recycling and composting have increased dramatically. Trash tonnage for March 2008 was down 72 tons compared to the same month last year, resulting in avoided disposal cost savings of over $5,000. For the four full weeks in April 2008, tonnage was down 82 tons, saving another $5,700; This represents a 33% and 37% reduction in trash tonnage, which is well above even our projections!
- Recycling tonnage increased by 27 tons in April 2008 vs. April 2007.
- For the Fiscal Year 2008 so far, the trash tonnage is down, 205 tons, saving over $14,000, with only two months of the WRP in place. In addition, as of April 28th, recycling tonnage is up 157 tons for the fiscal year 2008 compared to FY07, a 21% increase.
- The town hopes to achieve a 35% reduction in trash tonnage in 2008, with a savings of $100,000.

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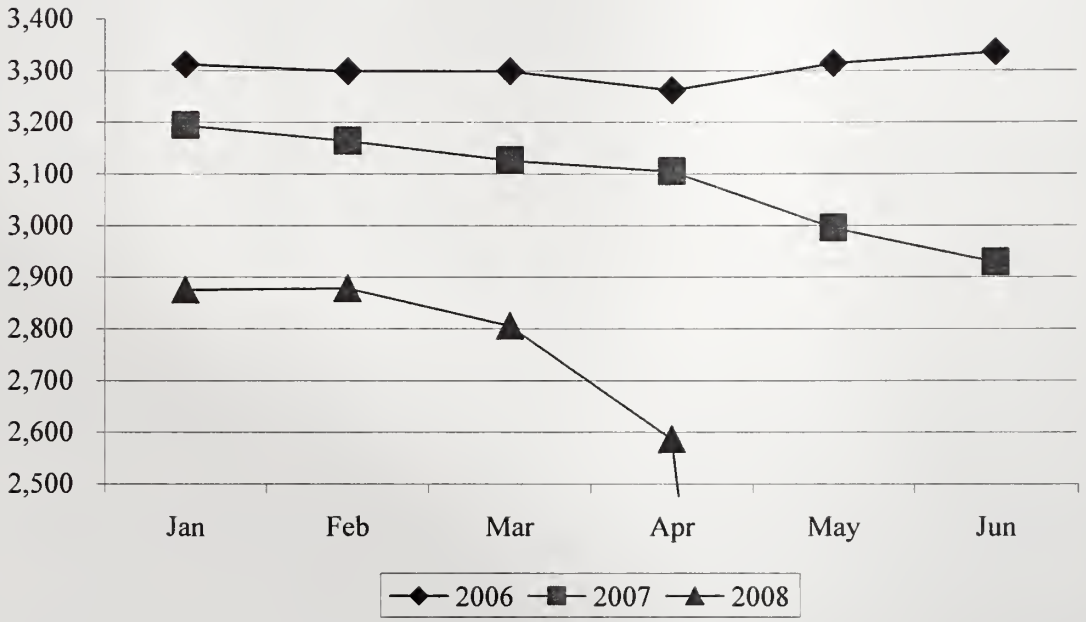

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District Annual Report
Dr. Marinel D. McGrath, Superintendent of Schools

I am pleased to present 2006-2007 Annual Report for the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District. As you read the school reports, you will note that the strength of our school district is in the quality of our students, our faculty, our support staff, our school leadership, and our two communities.

During the 2006-2007 school year, the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District (HWRSD) had an enrollment totaling 2121 students with 895 in the elementary grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade five, 507 in the middle school grades six through eight, and 719 in the high school grades nine through twelve. The school district goal is to provide an engaging and comprehensive curriculum that challenges all students and raises their achievement level. Our students must meet not only our own local learning standards, but also the learning standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and those of colleges across the country.

To realize the HWRSD goal, teams of teachers and principals provide an academic program for higher student achievement by embedding all state framework requirements within a strong District curriculum. Through state and federal grants and the generosity of the Hamilton and Wenham Education Fund, teachers availed themselves of quality staff development programs to ensure successful implementation of programs. Through the dedication, commitment, and caring of our teachers and support staff, Hamilton and Wenham students were recognized for their achievements in the academics, arts, athletics, and activities during the 2006-2007 school year. Our elementary students participated in artists in residence program; our middle school College Bowl students scored first place in a statewide competition and our middle school math team earned first place in Essex County for their participation in the New England Mathematics League. Middle School students were also recognized for their achievements in band competitions and the Boston Globe Art Awards. Our high school students received awards at the local and state level in history and science, the New England Drama Festival, Boston Globe Key Art Awards, District Band and Chorus, and Massachusetts All-State Band. One of our students, Mihika Pradhan, was named top prize winner and Massachusetts State Representative to the International Science Fair held in New Mexico. There, she won first place in her division. Hamilton-Wenham fielded the Cape Ann League and Division Champions in boys' and girls' cross country while the girls' lacrosse team was the Division II Cape Ann League Co-Champion. The golf, volleyball, girls' soccer, boys' ice hockey, gymnastics, boys' lacrosse, and boys' and girls' tennis teams all advanced to post-season tournament play.

The May 2006 MCAS scores reveal that Hamilton-Wenham students continue to score above the state average in all four subject areas tested (see Director of Curriculum's report for detail). Every member of the Class of 2007 has passed both the English and math sections of the MCAS which enabled all of them to graduate in June. In the area of college admission test scores, 91 % of HW Regional High School students took the SAT I with an average score of 1691 (Critical Reading – 565; Math – 561; Writing – 565). 126 students took 162 Advanced Placement examinations in Calculus AB, English Literature, European History, French, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, and U.S. History, and achieved an average score of 3.5 out of 5.0. The Class of 2007 had seven students recognized as National Merit Scholars; six students received letters of commendation and one student was named a semi-finalist.

The H-W Regional School District continued its collaboration with the Towns of Hamilton and Wenham through the Towns/School Budget Process Committee (T/S BPC). I believe that the successful passage of the FY 08 school budget for $24,625,610, which included a Proposition 2 ½ Override for $494,938, was due to the commitment made by the towns and the school district to develop our budgets with more collaboration that produced a consensus-driven result. Even with this level of commitment from the towns, the School District could not maintain "level services" for FY 08. The FY 08 budget represented

a "reduced services" budget of $24,625,610 which was offset by state revenues totaling $3,370,393 dollars. As many know, the Chapter 70 state funding was decreased for the 8th consecutive year. In FY 01, the District received 19% of its budget from Chapter 70; in FY 08 the District received only 13% of its funding from Chapter 70 state aid. The School Committee continues to work hard with our legislators to change this formula to relieve the burden of the taxpayers.

Specifically, the FY 08 override funds provided three elementary teachers to avoid redistricting, one full time integrated arts teacher which maintained the FY 07 class size in art, music, physical education, technology education, life skills & Spanish and three high school teachers which enabled the high school to retain twenty academic sections ensuring that the majority of students are fully scheduled.

The FY 08 budget did not maintain funding for athletic and extracurricular fees; the District will implement a 100% user fee policy in September 2007. Given that the District lost 10.5 teaching and support positions in the FY 08 budget, citizen support in the two communities for our school district's situation grew amongst concerned citizens. Sarah Gaylord, Amy Landon, and Nancy Peterson spearheaded a community fundraising group, Support Our Schools (SOS). In four short weeks the SOS group raised $257,452 in private funding for the schools. The positions the District restored with the private funds included: two elementary teachers and teaching assistants and an eighth grade social studies teacher. Additionally, there were earmarked funds for the high school science department and Winthrop School. The balance of the funds was allocated to procuring much needed technology for high school classroom learning. These positions are funded for the 2007-2008 school year only; they are not included in the current FY 08 operating budget. The losses we suffered as a District seriously impacted the educational programs for our students.

Additionally, the FY 08 budget, even with the school override, did not contain any funding to address our strategic plan. The Strategic Plan was developed by community and school members based upon input from nearly 300 community and school people who participated in the various focus groups. The central purpose of the Strategic Plan is to restore, rebuild, and advance the curricular programs, services, and operations that are essential for our students today. If we had followed our strategic plan, we would have restored 10 positions in the academics and the arts totaling nearly $500,000. The strategic plan is not excessive; it is what our students need.

While this budget balanced the education needs of students with economic realities, the FY 08 budget, once again, did not have the full support of our constituents. We had many constituents who believed the budget should have been higher so we could maintain a greater number of our academic programs. We also had just as many constituents who believed the budget should have been lower so as to ease the tax burden. We believed this budget was a fair, middle-of-the-road budget that had compromises on all sides.

At the June 6, 2007 School Committee meeting, the District bid farewell to three teachers and two principals at the fifth annual "We Honor You" reception. Honored retirees included: Ruth Herrick (34 years) Mary Mendonca (20 years), Steve Ottaviani (6 years), Martha Cesarz (13 years) Winthrop School Principal and Jan DeSantis (22 years) Miles River Middle School Principal.

No report of this kind would be complete without taking the opportunity to thank the many people who supported our schools this past year. On behalf of the students, faculty, administration, and School Committee, I thank the Friends of Pre-School, Buker, Cutler, Winthrop, Miles River, and High Schools, Special Education Parent Advisory Board, HW Education Fund, HW Rotary Club, HWRHS Sports and Activities Alliance, Support our Schools, Pro Musica II, and the many generous parents and community members who contributed time and money to support our schools.

I am also grateful to our faculty, staff, principals, assistant principals, and the District Leadership Team for their devotion to the children and youth of Hamilton and Wenham. Finally, we are most appreciative to the townspeople of Hamilton and Wenham and the Hamilton and Wenham Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees who have seen us through difficult times and who continue to support our efforts to make the Hamilton-Wenham Schools the very best they can be. The FY 08 Budget Process personified the values of cooperation and collaboration that embody our communities. As your Superintendent, I thank each and every community member for their support of our students.

In closing, our initiatives continue to advance the coherence and quality of our educational program. There are many goals yet to realize which are dependent upon high levels of budget funding. Our professional staff must have the resources if we are to continue to be competitive with similar school districts in developing, providing, and maintaining a high quality educational program for our students in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional Schools.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES
Allison Brown Collins, Director

The Student Services Department of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District provides a wide range of programs for students with disabilities, ages 3 to 22. During the 2006-2007 school year, 342 students in the District (15.6% of the general school population) were identified as needing Special Education services. Special Education is a required program for all school districts under both federal law (Individuals with Disabilities Act – IDEA) and state law (Chapter 766). Eligibility for Special Education services is based upon the presence of a diagnosed disability, the inability to make effective progress in the general curriculum due to the disability, and the need for specially designed instruction or related services. A team of teachers, parents and other professionals collaborates in making eligibility determinations for each student. Evaluation Teams, composed of trained professionals including school psychologists, special education teachers, speech and language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, and other specialists utilize a full battery of diagnostic instruments to assess the individual needs of the students.

The Integrated Preschool serves students from ages 3 to 5. Teachers, teaching assistants, monitors, and therapists work collaboratively to deliver services via an integrated model. In this setting, preschoolers learn and play together with their non-disabled peers. As students with disabilities reach school age, this inclusive and integrated model continues with most Special Education students receiving services within the general education classroom. Professional special educators, trained paraprofessionals, and therapists support our classroom teachers in meeting the needs of students with learning disabilities, health and sensory disabilities, communication disorders, neurological impairments, cognitive deficits, and emotional and behavioral difficulties. The Academic Opportunities and ASPIRE programs serve our most disabled students and include academics and life skill instruction both in the school and in the community. A Language Based Program at the middle school provides specialized instruction and curricula for students with language based learning issues. At the high school level, the STAY program offers a therapeutic educational setting for students at-risk of school failure due to emotional, learning, and behavioral issues.

The Special Education Department is evaluated annually on a three-year rotation between elementary, middle school and high school programs. These evaluations are required by law of all public schools as a means of ensuring quality programs for students with disabilities. In addition, the Department of Education conducts a full Coordinated Program Review every six years, with a mid-cycle review during one of the years in between. The Coordinated Program Review for Hamilton-Wenham was conducted during October 2006 and included a review of numerous student records, tours of each building and special education facilities, parent surveys and interviews, and staff and administrative interviews.

The Department is proud of its record of service within the District and recognizes that the high quality teaching practices of classroom teachers and the strong District Curriculum have established the climate of educational excellence that allows students with disabilities to succeed. The support of the School Committee, the Superintendent, School Administrators, families and townspeople has been essential in meeting the needs of all learners in the District.

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
Dr. Maryellen Duffy, Director

The Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Hamilton- Wenham Regional School District continues to work with the Leadership Team and the staff to focus the district's curriculum and professional development work around the district's goals and strategic plan

Currently, curriculum and instruction task forces are established in all content areas and Technology. The task force committees continue to work on refining curriculum guides, developing curriculum maps and establishing benchmark assessments. The Curriculum and Professional Development Committee continues to oversee the task force committees, plan the curriculum articulation days, and related professional development.

The Curriculum Office and the Technology Committee oversee the implementation of the five year technology plan, a framework for defining a direction for educators, determining needs in our schools, and outlining goals for our students in the area of technology. A revised Acceptable Use Policy was developed by the Technology Committee and adopted by the school committee in 2006.

The Curriculum Office supervises the programming for our 13 English Language Learner students and the 61 students who qualify for Section 504 Individual Accommodation Plans. The Curriculum Office is also responsible for reviewing and approving Home Education Plans for 27 students from 15 families residing in Hamilton and Wenham.

Fortunately, state and federal grants have allowed us to continue offering quality professional development to our teachers. The grant funded staff development opportunities have included technology integration, the Responsive Classroom, Universal Design for Learning, Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies, and the Collaborative Project for Mathematics, Science, and Interdisciplinary Education. The Beginning Teacher Orientation, Induction and Mentoring Program and the curriculum coach positions have also been funded through grants. In addition, staff members are involved in 51 special project professional development opportunities during the early release Wednesday time period.

During 2006-2007 the HWRSD was awarded 8 state grants, 2 federal competitive grants and 4 private competitive grants totaling $318,244. The grants were targeted for MCAS remediation, professional development, curriculum support and development, physical and health education, mental health services, and prevention programs. Staff also participated in grant supported professional development programs for science, mathematics, engineering and technology in collaboration with Salem State College and the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

MCAS scores reveal that Hamilton-Wenham student scores are above the state average in all five subject areas tested: reading, English/language arts, mathematics, science/engineering, and technology. Our school district is doing particularly well in the areas of reading (96% passing at grade 3), English (average of 98% passing at grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10), mathematics (average 95% passing at grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10) and science (97% passing at grades 5 and 8).

The HWRSD recognizes that student achievement, curriculum and professional development are interrelated and will continue to pursue and secure opportunities to support these connections.

BESSIE BUKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Brian F. O'Donoghue, Principal

The Buker School had an enrollment of 228 students in grades K-5 during the 2006-2007 school year. It was a busy and productive year for our students and the entire school community.

The year marked the departure of the integrated preschool classroom from the Buker School. The addition of our full day kindergarten program required classroom space that impacted our library and student services classroom in the previous year. The demand for adequate space for our library and student services needs prompted the decision to house the integrated preschool program at the Winthrop School. As a result, both the Buker library and student services classroom were restored this year and the services necessary for the integrated preschool were efficiently scheduled in one location.

In an effort to increase instructional time for students in our part-time kindergarten program, the decision was made to change the existing 2 ½ day model to a 5 half day program at each of the elementary schools. This change was well received by the community and we look forward to its implementation during the 2007-2008 school year.

The 2006-2007 school year resulted in few staff changes. Tim Buckley joined the Buker staff as the integrated media specialist and Erinn Gilmore joined our student services team as a part-time special education teacher.

Raising student achievement in writing was the focus of our professional development program. Elementary teachers across the district met during the year to review student work and discuss what constitutes high quality writing. Within the school, we identified the need to support our students with their written responses to reading prompts. We will continue to work on improving student writing during the 2007-2008 school year.

In an effort to strengthen the home to school connection, Buker teachers Gail Lamothe, Patti Miller, Nichole Miller, Laurie Mohan, and Kathy O'Shea developed and presented a Family Literacy Night that provided valuable information about how to support literacy development at home.

The Friends of Buker continued to provide cultural and academic opportunities for our students. They funded three authors to work with students on writing. The *Dancers Courageous* program and the *Tanglewood Marionettes* returned to support the developing creativity in our students. Through generous funding, the Friends and the Hamilton Wenham Edfund supported the purchase of two Smartboards for our classrooms.

CUTLER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Jennifer E. Clifford, Principal

There were 323 students enrolled in grades K-5 at Cutler School in 2006-07. This number included seventeen classes. It was an invigorating and productive year for our school community. The dedicated staff, families, and students of Cutler supported Principal Jennifer Clifford during her first year.

New faculty members included the appointment of former third grade teacher Pam Larchez to the position of integrated-media specialist. The new integrated library and technology program was a significant focus this year in the building. Both the library and technology lab were transformed into inviting and up-to-date learning spaces for students of all ages. Other staff changes included the appointment of Caitlin Bird as our new PM Kindergarten teacher, Nancy Duffy as our new third grade teacher, Melissa Graham as our new fifth grade teacher, and Erinn Gilmore as a new part-time special education liaison.

Professional development initiatives in 2007 included the continuation of a literacy focus. Elementary teachers met throughout the year to review student work and to develop shared expectations. Elementary curriculum committees also convened monthly to further the outlining of grade level benchmarks in language arts, math, and social studies.

A Cutler School Technology Team was established to ensure alignment with the District's Five Year Technology Plan. Representatives established the needs of the building, while drafting goals and priorities for future technology use at every grade level. This team provided leadership and shared decision making as we explored the current use of technology in the building.

The Cutler School Council conducted a needs-assessment this year, identifying the need for more efficient communication between home and school. The Council has drafted a goal to address this deficit, and will present the School Improvement Plan to the School Committee in the fall of 2007.

The Friends of Cutler continued to provide extensive support to our school. The Friends purchased twelve new computers and a Smartboard, and made safety updates to repair existing playground structures. We continue to benefit from community-building events coordinated by the Friends. Cutler School also benefited from the generosity of the Hamilton-Wenham Education Fund, which will bring differentiated instruction resources to each elementary school next year.

Thank you for your continued support of Cutler School and our children.

WINTHROP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Martha D. Cesarz, Principal

There were 344 children enrolled at the Winthrop School during the 2006-2007 school year. We continue to meet the needs of all children by creating specialized instructional programs at the Winthrop School. During the 2006-2007 school year, we implemented a new program for special needs primary grade students.

In the spring, Winthrop students visited the Peabody-Essex Museum to view the Joseph Cornell exhibit. After learning about his unusual art form of collage and box art, students created their own "reflection boxes" which were on display for the public. Students collected objects that represented something learned or experienced in school and displayed them in various size boxes. Not only did the children love presenting their boxes but they truly enjoyed seeing what everyone remembered about the school year. The children were particularly eager to see the teacher-made boxes and learn about their interests, hobbies, and memories. Students will remember the artist, Joseph Cornell, but even more, they will remember what they learned this year at school.

The outdoor learning and play area, *River Run*, has become a favorite spot for students and teachers. Chris Woodin, a Winthrop parent and well-known math instructional expert, presented a workshop for teachers in which he explained teaching math in an outside environment. Parents volunteered to provide extra supervision at recess times so children could explore the human size bird nest, the tree house, the vegetable and flower gardens, as well as the newly installed sundial. The Winthop School community thanks Ms. Susan Tomases who tirelessly worked on River Run until its completion. We also thank the many community volunteers and businesses who donated time and materials to make *River Run* a reality.

During the summer, as materials and supplies arrived, several maintenance projects were completed. In the ongoing effort to replace old carpeting throughout the building, we replaced another classroom carpet with tile flooring. We also replaced the carpet in the library that had become a safety problem because of torn and worn spots. The final stage of the fire alarm system replacement was completed.

Families greeted the new principal of Winthrop School in August 2007. Ms. Carrie Vaich succeeded Mrs. Martha Cesarz who retired in July. Prior to her appointment as Principal, Ms. Vaich was the assistant principal at the Round Elementary School in Newbury, MA. During the spring and summer, Ms. Vaich spent many hours with Mrs. Cesarz learning about the school and communities of Hamilton and Wenham. Ms. Vaich worked closely with staff, parents, and guardians, to learn the many school traditions and maintain the high standards for academics and behavior at the Winthrop School.

MILES RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
Janice C. DeSantis, Principal

The 2006–2007 school year was very positive and stable for the Miles River Middle School. There were 507 students enrolled at the middle school which was similar to the previous school year. Although our dearly loved Art teacher, Charles Allen retired, we were able to retain our teaching staff for the second consecutive year.

Ruth Herrick, Grade 6 Math teacher, Mary Mendonca, Grade 6, and Steve Ottaviani, Grade 8 Algebra teacher, all dedicated middle school educators, retired in June 2007. Each of them provided our students with rich and meaningful learning experiences and were respected by their colleagues for their contributions to children and to the District.

There were two major technology improvements made to the middle school thanks to the Friends of Miles River and the Hamilton-Wenham Ed Fund. The Friends provided Miles River with twenty-four new computers and four Smart Boards. The Ed Fund also provided grant funds for two additional Smart Boards. These improvements significantly enhanced the instructional practices and resources for both teachers and students. Technology needs will continue for the middle school since they are the essential tools for learning and communication for today's students.

Curriculum development and implementation continued. As part of our multi-year Social Studies plan, our popular Civics course was reinstated at the eighth grade level. The English Language Arts program continued its implementation of the "Six Traits" writing program to support the writing process program. Many students in grades 6-8 participated in an extended day mathematics independent inquiry program. Our Science teachers began a curriculum review process to align instruction with the Massachusetts Frameworks.

Our students performed well in many ways. For 2006-2007, our students met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards set by No Child Left Behind for all student subgroups. The New England Math League ranked our students in first place in Essex County. In the fall competition, our College Bowl team ranked first in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and fifty-eighth in the world.

Families greeted the new principal of Miles River Middle School in July 2007. Mr. Matthew J. Fox succeeded Ms. Jan DeSantis who retired in June after serving as principal for 18 years. Prior to his appointment as Principal, Mr. Fox was the principal of Georgetown's Penn Brook Elementary School and assistant principal at the Georgetown Middle/High School. During the spring and summer, Mr. Fox spent time with Ms. DeSantis and Dr. Reynolds learning about the school and communities of Hamilton and Wenham, the many school traditions and the school's commitment to high standards for academics and behavior.

The Miles River Middle School community thanks the citizens of Hamilton and Wenham, the Friends of Miles River, the Hamilton Wenham Ed Fund, Pro Musica, and the many volunteers for their continued support and commitment to provide our children with an excellent education.

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Robert M. Krol, Principal

I wish to thank the quality educators serving the families of Hamilton-Wenham. They provided our students with a rich and meaningful learning experience. Our faculty also dedicated themselves to the work of preparing for two site visits in the fall of 2006; one from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) followed by the Department of Education Coordinated Review.

Our students continue to excel in their daily academic endeavors, and in national and state testing. Our students' performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Testing, Advanced Placement, and MCAS are well above national and state averages. 84% of the graduating class continued their education at 4-year colleges, with an additional 8% continuing at two-year and post secondary schools. We are also proud of our students serving in the military and those starting their careers in the workforce.

Students continue to be active in co-curricular activities with well over 170 students taking part in the annual science and history fairs and representing the high school in state, regional, and national competitions. One of our students, Mihika Pradhan was named top prize winner and Massachusetts State Representative to the International Science Fair held in New Mexico. There, she won first place in her division. Over 350 students were involved throughout the year in various clubs and activities.

Our art, music, and drama students continued to distinguish themselves. Several students won *Boston Globe* Key Awards, Drama Guild ensemble and individual awards at the One-Act Festival, and students were selected to District and All-State Band and Chorus.

Our athletic teams competed successfully in all three seasons highlighted by an exciting Thanksgiving Day football game played in front of a huge crowd. The track on our main athletic field has been officially dedicated to Mr. Steve Sawyer for his many years of dedicated coaching. The participation rates in athletics included 310 students in fall sports, 310 students in the spring, and 270 students in the winter season.

The support of our parent groups continues to be outstanding. The Friends of the High School, the various booster clubs, and the Sports and Activities Alliance enriched our students' lives.

MILES RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL
GRADE EIGHT GRADUATES

Connor Adamik
Cailee Anastas
John Andre
Elizabeth Astulfi
Kyle Bache
Rebecca Balk
Paul Bateman
Christina Belezos
Nicole Benner
Samuel Berry
Michael Beyer
James Brao
Charles Brennick
Sophia Brockenbrough
Lillian Brotchie
Brendan Brown
Bridget Brown
Zachary Brown
Samantha Bucco
Hannah Buckler
Tristan Burke
Alton Bynum, III
Danielle Carp
Nicholas Celata
William Charette
Hannah Chmura
Benjamin Clemenzi
Robert Clough
Spencer Collins
Anders Corey
Chelsea Curran
Julia Curran
Robert Curran
Joseph Currie
Molly Curtis
Samantha Davekos
Julianne Davis
Stephen Decatur, III
Emma Dickey
Colton Dodge
Zack Dolan
Kelsey Domoracki
Katherine Donellan
Rachael Drougas
Joanna Durgin
Olivia Durgin
Nicholas Falasca
Connor Finley
Katherine Flores
Glorie Frackleton
Anne Frederiksen
Remy Frisch
Minot Frye, Jr.
Ryan Gallagher
Carey Gallant
Alexander Ganey
Cameron Gauthier
Michael Gianelli
Scott Goodrich
Logan Goodwin
Christine Grayton
William Gribbell
Ryan Hale
Cara Hamilton
Christopher Hamilton
Amelia Hammerl
Katharine Heffernan
Patrick Hendrickson
Avery Hennigar
Molly Herlihy
Matthew Herrick
Samantha Hill
Victoria Horton
Yin Ran (Jack) Huang
Mackenzie Johnson
Laurel Joly
Ashley Kang
Julie Karpp
Natalie Kassirer
Meghan Kausel
Claire Kawski
Jared Kefalas
Donald Keith, III
James Ketcham
Tayler Kimball
Jordan Kimkaran
Kevin King
Emily Klobucher
Nathan Ko
Richard Kong
Jessica Kotch
Daniel Kvistad
Marissa Lampe
Alison Lanois
Jonathan Lebel
Gregory Lidrbauch
Peter Liquori
Mimi Lounsbury
James Love
Conor Lyons
Jason Mackey
Antonio Maggiacomo
Carter Makin
Annalise Manning
Calvin Martel
Robert McLane
Hannah Millimet
Mark Millimet
Brendan Minot
Margaret Morley
Emma Needham
Hannah Newth
Brendan O'Donnell
Timothy O'Leary
Tyler Parady
Shayne Pavenski
Nicholas Peckham
Jackson Petri
Mark Petrou
Bai Hua (Tania) Piao
Molly Piper
Kendrick Poulin
John Prince
Amelia Reardon
Eleanore Rodgers
Joshua Rosenberg
Elizabeth Roth
Alix Rowen
Emma Sandler
Andrea Sargent
Jacob Shaktman
Heather Spearing
Claire Stehfest
Alma Tambone
Linsey Tambone
Ashley Thibeault
Daniel Trefrey
Sean Turpin
Kathleen Vanni
Juana Vargas
John Vivian
Dominick Vogus
Christopher von Staats
Megan Walsh
William Whalen, Jr.
Natalie White
Pendleton White
Courtney Wilson
Maya Wilson
Jun Hyung (Joshua) Woo
Elizabeth Woodbury
Christopher Young

HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
2007 GRADUATES

Benjamin William Ahearn
Jennifer Ashley Andrake
Ryan Michael Anthony
Christina Grace Asadorian
Allison Nicole Ashley
Lyndsay Marie Atherton
Romeu Goncalves Azevedo
Matthew Baker Ball
Brittany Lee Barrett
Elizabeth Anne Barth
Sophie Leigh Bellenis
Jennifer Elizabeth Benner
Rason Roberto Benton
Brian Daniel Bishop
Alyssa Abigail Blanchette
Chauntel Lee Bongiomo
Matthew Joseph Bonventre
Amanda Reed Brown
Ryan James Buckley
Christie Regina Butler
Michelle Marie Bynum
John William Carey
Grainne Honora Carlin
Cristina Chinnin Rey
Russell Gustav Chisholm
Greg Allan Cohan
Nathaniel Jennings Conant
Ashley Megan Corbin
Samuel Walter Crossan
Meredith Anne Crown
Samantha Marie Curr
Joseph Vincent Curran
Andrew John Curran
Elliot Edgell Davis
Rachel Marion Day
Pamela Macy Decatur
Samuel Wilson DeHority
Rebecca Leah Der
Danielle Rose DeSantis
Taylor Michelle Doherty
Teagan Andrew Dolan
Kyley Lynn Dolan
Jessica Stowell Doonan
Michael James Drinkwater
Colleen Frances Driscoll
Lillian Rose Driscoll
Charles Mark Duval, Jr.
Domenico Umberto Eramo
Jamie Basset Erdman
Anna Ellen Tebbutt Evetts
Jessica June Figurido
Heather Ann Fontaine
Jennifer Patricia Galvin
Donald Patrick Ganey, Jr.
Andrew John Gansenberg
Gregg Pierce Gentleman
Emily Elizabeth Greeke
Jennifer Louise Gwynne
Caroline Ashley Ham
Emily Teresa Hanson
Olivia Anne Harkness
Michael Vincent Harris
Jesse Oliver Henderson
Suzanne Marie Henkels
Margot Rantoul Hinchey
Melissa Mae Hines
Alexander Louis Hoffman
Samuel Max Houston
Kevin Michael Howard
Meryl Ann Hulse
Alexander Arthur Ingemi
Arthur George Jackson
Colin Lowery Jermain
Abigail Katherine Johnson
Taylor Robert Jones
Kayla Mary Alice Jones
Kelsey Lucile Keith
Devin Daniel Keller
Grace Francesca Kerr
Samuel Beck Kielty
Danielle Annette Kiely
Alexandra Grace Kilburn
David Aaron King
Samantha Joy Kinsman
Leigh Rose Kroeker
Elyse Patricia Lampe
Michael Patrick Landry
Solange Andrea Lara
David Gould Lear
Stephen Patrick Leavitt
Hannah Jacqueline Lebel
Keith Edward Dorman LeDuc
Charlotte Emily LeTourneau
Matthew Robert Levy
Benjamin Jeffrey Lithgow
Kelley Elizabeth Littlefield
Samuel Timothy Luddy
Mary Harding Lyons
Katherine Ann Lyons
Jefferson Jared MacDonald
Lisa Quinn MacGregor
Jamie Lee Malatzky
William Andrew Marques
Michelle Renee Martin
John Daniel Matook
Ryan Walter McGlynn
Dale Brittannie McGrath
Katie Michelle McKenna
Alexa Karen McNally
William Francis McNamara
Michael Grey Melanson
Jenna Elise Miedzionoski
Sara Ann Millimet
Roseannah Elizabeth Mills Grassin
Giles Cole Moffett
Kellyann Rose Moniz
Lauren Anne Morse
Roger Conant Moulton, III
Dylan Edward Murphy
Isaac Shiho Nam
Stephanie Louise Naugler
Leigh Catherine Nawoichik
Margaret Emily O'Neill
Gregory Michael Osborne, Jr.
Brittany Marie Parr
Shay Ryan Parsons
Rebecca Charlet Payne
Sophia Mann Plitt
Christina Jo-An Pohas
Charlotte Jane Press
Chelsea Elizabeth Putur
Zachary Edson Ray
Vanessa Adriane Richards
James Lyman Ricker
Catherine Michelle Robinson
William Ernest Rosser
William Robert Safrin
Edward Sten
Robert Sandell
Margaret Hesse Sanders
Charlotte Ann Sandler
Daniel Van Dam Sargent
Abigail Zerrenner Sawyer
John Diamond Scarpa
Arielle Ana Scoglio
Jeffrey Thomas Scuteri, Jr.
Benjamin Jacob Seidman
Sheila Kelly Serafino
Kevin Maloney Serafino
Laura Kaye Shaktman
Shiv Dutt Sharma
Joanna Sierks Smith
Perry Virginia Smith
Nicholas Arthur Smith
Timothy Alan Snow
Sarah Brittany Spearing
Kathleen Frances Splaine
Douglas George Stone
Connor Tucker Sullivan
Jenna Beverly Swartz
Matthew Parker Sweeney
Michael Adam Teal
Daron Meryl Thayer
Rachel PhuongAnh TonThat
John Patrick Townsend
Amy Elizabeth Truschel
Myriah Theresa Tucker
James Thomas Turner, III
Ariel Sterling Twomey
Joseph Aidan McDermott Vanni
John Volker
Abigail Laura Walker
Jeffrey Alan Walsh
Erin Melissa Watkins
Stephanie Rose Weaver
Ian Roger Whear
Deidre Ann Winrow
Byron Campbell Wiswell
Julie Lyn Woods
Thomas Erik Zagorski
Daniel Ryan Zisson

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

All devices used to weigh or measure for commerce in the Town of Hamilton have been tested and sealed in accordance with state regulations. The Treasurer/Collector received all fees collected.

Business	Device	Revenue
Connolly	Scales	$30
CVS	Scales	$40
Crosby Marketplace	Scales	$220
		$70
G & M Motors	Gasoline Pumps	$280
Hamilton Convenience Store	Gasoline Pumps	$240
Hungry Fox	Scales	$10
Meadowbrook Farms	Scales	$20
Oliver Gulf	Gasoline Pumps	$240
Welsh & Lamson	Fuel Oil Trucks, Rack Test and Diesel Oil Dispensers	$160

Robert D. Rose, Sealer

TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk's Office serves as a general information center to the public, including the posting of all board meetings according to the Open Meeting Law. Numerous requests for information from our residents are processed by the Clerk's Office including, certified copies of vital records, general information about the Town and its activities, genealogical information, business and legal decisions made by Town boards.

This office is responsible for local and state elections, recording and certification of all official actions from town meetings, census maintenance, voter registration, maintenance and issuance of vital records. We process and issue various licenses including dog, fishing, hunting, sporting and marriage licenses, raffle permits and business certificates throughout the year.

I would like to thank Administrative Assistant Christine Larcom for her dedication and effort in performing the many and varied duties which make it possible for this office to run smoothly. Marissa Frerk has done an outstanding job with updates to the Hamilton Website keeping the residents well informed. We are very fortunate to have dedicated senior volunteers who assist us with our special projects. Edward Haraden, Aileen Bianco, Carol Kirby, Ruth Flumerflet, Betty Gray, Herb Ryan and Doris Cooper help stuffing census envelopes, indexing our maps and town meeting minutes, just to name a few projects. We sincerely appreciate their efforts.

	2005	2006	2007
Marriage Licenses Issued	37	33	23
Births Recorded	89	92	97
Deaths Recorded	31	35	36

Fish and Game Licenses Issued	
Fishing Licenses	49
Hunting Licenses	27
Sporting Licenses	15
Trapping	2
Waterfowl Stamps	22
Archery Stamps	19
Primitive Firearms	20
Dog Licenses Issued	
Dog Total	1,120
Kennels	20

Thank you to the Board of Health and Dr. Pett for organizing the Rabies Clinic at our town garage in the spring. We extend a special thanks to our dedicated Dog Officer, Dyan Katz for her outstanding work and love of Hamilton's furry friends.

Elections and Registrations

Board of Registrars -Mary Anne Burridge, Edward Seaver, Forrester "Tim" Clark and Jane M. Wetson, Clerk Officio.

The Annual Town Election was held at the Winthrop School and I sincerely thank the dedication and hard work of Greg Stevens, Paul Rigol, and Bob Timpani in setting up the elections, the Board of Registrars, the Election Officials, and the Hamilton Police for their support and professionalism. I would also like to thank the custodians and kitchen staff at Winthrop School for helping our day to run smoothly and keeping us well fed.

We had the privilege of using the new AUTOMARK Handicap Accessible Voting Machine at the Elections. Several voters used this new machine and thought it to be very user friendly. Dean Avellis was the first voter to use this machine. He marked his ballot from a wheelchair and enjoyed the experience. John Sanders, who is a blind resident, was able to vote by himself by listening to the ballot being read through ear phones and voting using a key pad. He was very happy to be able to vote himself with the help of the new voting machine.

Summary of Elections & Town Meeting for 2007

May 7, 2007	Annual Town Meeting with 444 registered voters. (Quorum of 150) 8% of the total 5,467 registered voters in attendance.
May 8, 2007	Annual Town Meeting Adjourned session with 310 registered voters. 6% of the total 5,467 registered voters in attendance.
May 17, 2007	Annual Town Election with 1,854 ballots cast. 34% of the total 5,467 registered voters.

Attorney General approved Town By-law Quorum Requirements of the ATM to decrease the Quorum to 75 on July 10, 2007.

October 22, 2007	Special Town Meeting with 223 registered voters in attendance. 4% 223 of the total 5,542 registered voters in attendance.

A report of all Town Meetings and Town Elections will be produced under separate cover.

The annual census forms were mailed out, and again we are urging residents to complete and return as soon as possible. Massachusetts State and Federal representation and funding depend on the population. Also, the listing of every resident and household is very important to our Police and Fire Departments for safety reasons.

I thank you for all your support throughout the year and for allowing me to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane M. Wetson, CMMC
Town Clerk

EASTERN ESSEX DISTRICT
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

This department is charged under Chapter 115 Massachusetts General Laws with providing services to veterans, their survivors and dependents. Principal workload, under state law, includes the administration of aid to veterans and dependents. Communities fund this program, which is subsequently 75% reimbursed the following fiscal year by the Commonwealth. This is a need based program and the department is required to conduct periodic comprehensive review of the cases to insure no substantive facts have changed, while working with the veteran to identify alternative or long-term solutions to individual circumstances. During the calendar year, one Hamilton veteran was on this program. Under state law the department also assists qualified veterans to obtain bonuses, and qualified veterans, widows and parents to obtain state annuities, property tax abatements, and other benefits.

The Veterans' Services program also mandates extensive interaction within the federal community, principally with the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Veterans' Service Officer (VSO) assists veterans and their dependents in filing for pensions, service connected injury/illness compensation, dependency indemnity compensation for survivors, VA healthcare enrollment, insurance claims, decedent claims, and many other issues. Federal benefits, processed by this department are paid directly to those eligible to receive the assistance or entitlement. The VA sent approximately $600,000 to eligible recipients in Hamilton, of which the current staff is responsible for approximately $228,000 dollars paid to or saved by those assisted in Hamilton.

Additionally, the department interacts, within the federal community, to correct military records, obtain needed documentation and insure veterans/dependents receive awards and recognition to which entitled. The VSO provided information, advice or assistance to 48 of the town's 428 identified veterans and 2 of the 96 identified veterans' widows during 2007. We also provide support and information assistance for National Guard and Reserves called up for service in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families.

The Director and the Assistant to the Director, Georgia Gadbois, advocate for veterans on issues at the local, state and federal level, interact with elected and appointed officials on issues, and work with local organizations in serving the community. We also assisted the Hamilton Korean War and Vietnam War Monument committees in developing their portion of the memorial.

The Eastern Essex District is composed of the Towns of Essex, Georgetown, Hamilton, Ipswich, Rowley, West Newbury and Wenham. A Board of Directors, consisting of one selectman (or designee) from each town maintains oversight. Mr. William Bowler is the Hamilton member of the Board of Directors. Ms. Cheryl Booth, Treasurer for the Town of Hamilton, is also the District Treasurer.

Terrance P. Hart
District Director

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals heard a total of Thirteen (13) petitions in 2007. A summary of the Board's actions are as noted below:

(5) Petitions for Extension/Alteration of a Non-Conforming Use:	Granted with Conditions
(2) Petitions for Site Plan Review:	Approved with Conditions
(2) Petitions for Abbreviated Site Plan Review:	Approved with Conditions
(1) Petition for Special Permit for an Accessory Apartment:	Granted
(2) Petitions for Special Permit for an Accessory Apartment:	Withdrawn without Prejudice
(1) Petition for an Appeal of Decision of the Building Inspector:	Decision of Inspector Upheld

The Zoning Board of appeals also participated in the following items during the year:

- The Zoning Board continued review of Massachusetts 40B Guidelines and legislation.
- The Zoning Board continued review of 40B project currently under construction.
- The Zoning Board reviewed and made recommendations to the Planning Board regarding proposed zoning by-law changes and additions.

Submitted By ZBA Board Members:

Beth Ganister, Chair
Winifred Whitman
David Sullivan
Diane Meibaum, Alternate
Susan Wiltshire, Alternate

TOWN OF HAMILTON

2007

TOWN MEETING MINUTES
&
ELECTION INFORMATION

Town of Hamilton
Essex County
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Incorporated June 21, 1793
Area 14.99 Square Miles
Town Population 8,254

Sixth Congressional District
Fifth Councilor District
First Essex and Middlesex Senatorial District
Fourth Essex Representative District

State Officials
Congressman: John Tierney of Salem
Senator: Bruce E. Tarr of Gloucester
Representative: Brad Hill of Ipswich

Town Hall Hours
Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

TOWN OF HAMILTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Held
Monday, May 7, 2007
At
Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School

At the close of registration on April 17, 2007 there were 5,467 registered voters.

Precinct 1 - 2,030
Precinct 2 - 1,832
Precinct 3 - 1,605

Moderator declared a quorum being present (150) and the Warrant returned showing it had been properly served, opened the 214th Annual Town Meeting at 7:40 P.M. with
444 registered voters checked and present, this annual meeting of the Town of Hamilton is now open.

Moderator appointed the Deputy Moderator who was duly sworn.
Robert Poole --56B Moynihan Road

Tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn.

Janice Pappas	-- 5 Bittersweet Lane
Larry Warner	-- 208 Woodland Mead
David Thompson	-- 103 Essex Street
Leon Purington	-- 32 Mill Street
Robert Trussell	-- 141 Railroad Avenue
Kalil Boghdan	-- 12 School Street
Linda Mastrianni	-- 23 Maple Street
Richard Flynn	-- 183 Linden Street

I have asked non-resident members of the regional school system, town officials and those assisting the Selectmen or Finance Committee to be present here so they may be available to answer questions. Members of the press [and the video crew] have also been allowed to be present. I remind those allowed here to do nothing which may influence the counting of a vote.

We have set up the cafeteria across the hall as overflow space. There is a closed circuit television set in the cafeteria and two tellers. All other non-registered visitors must be seated in the visitors' area in the cafeteria.

Another procedural note, we record these proceedings so as to have an accurate record of the meeting. Therefore, unless I recognize you by name, please use the microphones provided and give your name and address when you arise to address the moderator. People in the cafeteria desiring to speak to any article should contact one of the tellers and arrange to be brought to the microphones in the auditorium.

All registered voters have been given a distinctive voter ID card when checking into the meeting. Do not lose or destroy this card. You will need to show the card on any counted vote. If you can not show the card, your vote may not be counted.

The invocation tonight will be by the Rev. Dorington Little of the First Church in Hamilton.

Announcements **********

Selectman Bill Bowler recognized his colleague Bob Bullivant as this will be his last Town Meeting as Selectman. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve with Bob for his entire term. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Dick Low and myself, and the Town of Hamilton, we thank Bob Bullivant for his service and we wish him well. Remarks were followed by a standing ovation.

Bob Bullivant – I truly appreciate this heart warming sentiment. It has been an honor to serve you and this town which I love. Bob thanked Bill, Dick, Candace and Allison and all the volunteers who worked so hard dedicating their time on behalf of the Town without which we could not function, as well as the Town's employees whose loyalty and hard work all combine to make this such a wonderful place to live.

Moderator states they may have overflow voters in the space in the cafeteria and that he has appointed Robert Poole, the Town Constable, to be the Deputy Moderator to preside over the actions of voters in the cafeteria if necessary and to coordinate with the tellers during counted votes. If any seats open up, they will allow voters to move in and if necessary a recess will be called in order to do so.

Under Town By-laws the conduct of all Town meetings are governed by the Town Meeting Time. A handbook of Parliamentary Law and all Articles of the Warrant for the Meeting shall be taken up in the order of their arrangement unless otherwise decided by a two-thirds vote of the Meeting.

I will read or summarize the Article and then recognize a Town Official or other person to make a motion on the Article for the Meeting to consider. Assuming the motion is seconded, I will then recognize the person who made the motion to tell us briefly why the motion is before the Meeting and what it is intended to accomplish. Thereafter I will open the floor for questions, discussion and debate.

If you want to ask a question or be heard on a motion, please proceed to the front of the aisles to one of the speakers. Let me warn you however, that while we will try to accommodate everybody wanting to speak, if you do not move quickly your window of opportunity may get closed.

Again, when I recognize you before you speak your piece, please state your name and street address for our Meeting Minutes and so that everybody may know who you are.

When an Article has been acted upon and disposed of, any reconsideration requires a two-thirds vote under the Town By-laws. After they have taken up a new Article, the Moderator will not be inclined to entertain any motion for reconsideration of an earlier Article before all the remaining Articles have been taken up by the Meeting.

Special Rule Action on Articles 2-2 and 2-12, involving potentially multiple budget appropriations will not be considered final so as to require a motion or vote to reconsider until all action on this Article has been completed.

Materials relating to Warrant Articles and other Town matters are not to be handed out or distributed in the auditorium or in the overflow space except that they have extra copies of the Warrant Book and any Appendix correction sheets at the front of the auditorium. I assume most or all of you picked up one in the lobby if you did not already get one earlier. There is a table in the lobby outside the auditorium for informational materials. Voters are encouraged to pick up materials at the lobby table. In hand distribution of materials is limited to areas outside the building and as directed by the police.

This meeting is being televised and recorded for our cable television channel. I want to thank the students of the Hamilton-Wenham High School for their work in producing the program and their teachers, Mr. Chris Shailor and Mr. Bill Melville.

If you have a cell phone or other personal communications device with you please turn off the audible ringer or the phone. If you should receive a call that must be taken please leave the meeting hall before taking or returning the call.

If for any reason we are unable to complete action on the Warrant tonight this Town Meeting will be recessed until Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at this same location or until such later time as we are able to get a quorum.

I am informed that there are some corrections to the Appendices to the Warrant and rather than making the corrections now, we are noting them and I plan to note them by Article when the Article is taken up and before the motion is made.

At this time we can proceed to the Warrant.

Introduction of front table:

Bruce Ramsey – Moderator
Jane Wetson – Town Clerk
Marsha Perkins – Administrative Assistant
Donna MacKenna – Town Counsel
Candace Wheeler – Town Administrator
Allison Jenkins – Assistant Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen:

Richard Low
William Bowler
Robert Bullivant – Chair

Finance and Advisory Committee

Arthur Oberheim – Chair
Dan Bukkhegyi
Sandy Shaw
June Prince
Deborah Nippes-Mena – Finance Director/Accountant

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ARTICLE 1-1 **Election of Officers and Ballot Question**

Moved by the Moderator and duly seconded, that the Town vote to elect the following Town Officers and to vote for the ballot questions shown as Appendix A of this Warrant at the Annual Town Election on Thursday, May 17, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Winthrop School.

- Town Moderator for one year
- One Selectman for three years
- One Assessor for three years
- One member of the Planning Board for five years
- One member of the Hamilton Housing Authority for five years
- One member of Hamilton Wenham Public Library Trustees for three years
- Three members of the Hamilton-Wenham School Committee for three years

The Moderator announced the vote on Article 1-1 will be by ballot on Thursday, the 17th of May, 2007 at the Winthrop School. The polls will be opened at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.

After reading the article, the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

APPENDIX A

BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR HAMILTON ELECTION
May 17, 2007

Question 1: Town Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (g)

"Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $ 121,582 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town's net operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

Question 2: School Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (g)

"Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $340,121 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding Hamilton's apportioned share of the net operating cost of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

Question 3: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (i ½)

"Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $28,500 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the purchase of a Police Department cruiser and related equipment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

Question 4: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (i ½)

"Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $54,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the purchase of two Department of Public Works pick-up trucks for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

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ARTICLE 1-2 **Reports**

Moved by William Bowler, Selectman, duly seconded that the reports of Town Officers and Committees be received and placed on file.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

Moderator recognized John Hale for an oral report.

John Hale – Public Safety Building: Most of you have seen by now the existing police and fire station has been taken down and by the end of the day tomorrow the site will be cleared. I would like to thank all of those who have supported this project. The project is 85% completed, the asphalt will be taken out and they will re-grade the front of the building. The ECO, the Fire and Police departments moved into the new building last month and are 100% operational. We see the completion of this building sometime in July or August. There will be an open house sometime in September with details to follow.

Gretel Clark – Recycling Committee: By mandating the recycling program it brought our trash down by 6% and it may be down by 10% by the end of the year. We are at 8% this fiscal year. So each month it goes down a little more and we're delighted that you are paying attention every time you throw something into that recycle bin. We've also saved over $11,000. We are hoping when we get this program formally in place, which will be presented at the October Town Meeting that we are expecting to have a further reduction, somewhere between $25,000 and $35,000 or even more. Right now it is being done informally but once we take this really seriously, we expect to see a great deal more recycling take place. Waste reduction versus pay as you throw, in waste reduction taxes pay for the cost of trash collection, recycling collection, trash disposal for one bag or barrel per household and individuals pay for additional trash only if they have more than one bag or barrel. So for some it won't cost them anything and for others it depends. They will be required to put the extra solid waste into a large bag which will cost about $1.20 or a smaller bag which will cost about 60¢. You will purchase the bags at your local store. You choose large or small according to your needs. Big items, such as couches, will need to have a sticker on them. The reason for the sticker is to encourage donation and ensure that non-residents are not bringing in bulky items. We're expecting a 25% reduction and that will be about $50,000 to $100,000 per year. It's smart, it's fair and only those who produce excess trash will have to pay for it. There will be a public meeting on May 21, 2007. There will also be group presentations upon request.

David Kerr – Landfill Steering Committee: The landfill committee has been meeting for the last 18 months and we have determined that we have a potentially beneficial property in the old landfill. The landfill is approximately 54 acres and was used for a relatively short period of time so there isn't a large amount of waste area that was actually used for disposal of rubbish. There are no encumbrances and the property is owned exclusively by the Town of Hamilton. Testing has begun in order to determine if the landfill will meet the standards for closure. Until the Department of Environmental Protection accepts closure of the landfill we essentially have a dump. Once the testing has been completed and the Department of Environmental Protection is satisfied with the results we then have a piece of property we can begin to develop. We anticipate testing results and a report to be completed by the summer of 2008. At this time the Landfill Steering Committee is an unfunded committee and we are applying for grants to fund marketing and research studies which will help us determine the best physical and environmental use of the land. They also realize that we will have to do some hand holding and tip toeing with the Town of Manchester to get them on board. They will be looking to the various boards and the public for their input. This is a long process which could take 3 to 5 years before soliciting developers.

David Carey – Capital Management Committee: The Capital Management Committee's mission is to coordinate capital management for both town and school district. They have completed a survey of all 14 towns and school buildings, about 400,000 square feet. We have identified a list of capital improvements that need to be made over the next seven years. The total is approximately 100 different improvements. We've identified that 15 of those need to be made in the near future. They were prioritized based on health, safety, operational impact and potential cost savings. They have contracted with an architect/engineer to refine scope and cost estimates which should come back within +/- 15% of the estimated cost and we think we need that level of accuracy. The next step is to prepare a capital line funding request for the two towns and the schools and we will simultaneously seek grants to assist in paying for these capital improvements.

David Carey – Housing Partnership Committee: I am the Chairman of the Housing Partnership Committee and as you may recall, the Master Plan identified the need for more affordable housing in Hamilton. You may be aware that we are subject to a statute known as 40B, which allows a developer to bypass much of Hamilton's zoning if we are not in compliance. A committee was formed about two and a half years ago. We have five committee members who all have different experience in housing and affordable housing. Our mission is to increase the affordable housing units in Hamilton. We have taken a two part approach to this. The first is to look at larger properties that might help us get into compliance with 40B because we do need quite a few units to comply. The second approach is to look at smaller properties and we certainly can do that. Lastly, I did make one comment on the 40B Junction Project that you've heard about; but, let me back up to the larger property status. As you may be aware we need to produce approximately 20 units per year for affordable housing or 200 units at once to be in compliance with 40B. The state requirement is that 10% of the properties in your home town have to be affordable which is around $200,000 each and as you know the average price of property in Hamilton is around $540,000. So it's quite a differential between the two. To see if we could in fact produce 20 units a year we contracted with a financial analyst who specializes in affordable housing and he came back and said that he didn't think it made economic sense to try to produce a 20 unit property but a 32 unit property would in fact more or less break even economically. His assumptions were that we'd pay about $2,500,000 for the land that would be approximately three acres. All the legal and so-called soft costs and development to put it together would be another $2,000,000 and the construction of the 32 units would be about $6,500,000 for a total project cost of around $11,000,000. In addition Hamilton would have to pay between $1,000,000 and $1,500,000 to make economics work for the developer. We asked about a small property because 32 units seems like a lot of units and the answer was if you go smaller and smaller all those fixed costs of development remain, so more or less the overall project cost goes up and up on a per unit basis. The analyst felt fairly strongly that we did need to produce a property with around 32 units to hit that break even point and as I said the town would still have to pay about $1,500,000. We think it would be very hard to site such a large project but we don't see that there are any strong options to do otherwise so we sat down with an architect and asked him to design what he thought would be the most appropriate property of this type for the Town of Hamilton. We spoke to him about smart growth as well, which in Massachusetts means that you locate near transportation and the projects have a neighborhood feel to them. They would often be in a downtown area for access to retail environment. In addition the state will pay $3,000 per unit one time and a design fee up to $75,000 for this type of property. So we said let's make it a smart growth property and one of the key elements will be mixed use, that there be retail in it as well. We need 20 units per years; if we build 32 units we would have protection from developers of 40B for approximately 18 months. We would have to do one of these projects about every 18 months which would be very hard to do and we would have to pay $1,000,000 to $2,000,000 for each one of these properties. We cannot just tell the state we are going to do this; we have to file actual plans get the plans certified and then issue actual building permits so this can be constructed. This is a rather difficult position we are in with 40B but we will continue to work with the selectmen.

Brad Hill – State Representative: I want to briefly go over what went on in terms of your local aid for the Town of Hamilton and for the school district. Our expenses in the state have increased over the last fiscal year compared to what the projected tax revenues were going to be for FY 08 and that remains to be true. As we built the budget two weeks ago, we were looking at having a deficit of between $600,000,000 and $800,000,000 going into FY 08, considerably lower then Governor Patrick's $1,200,000 but as the year has gone one we have seen that our expenses are not as high as first anticipated in January, but higher than our projected revenues. Despite that the legislature felt very strongly that we needed to keep the promise we made last year in terms of increasing local aid under a 5 year plan that would bring every school district in the Commonwealth to a maximum of 17 ½ percent of their budget. In year two the Governor did not adopt that proposal. We looked at his proposal and decided that what we had offered last year would benefit the Commonwealth a little bit better. Last year I told you as part of our proposal we were going to change the distribution formula and instead of looking at the town's ability to pay as being 80% assessed evaluation and 20% median income that we needed to bring that level to 50/50 and we did that in FY 07. The Governor chose not to propose that in his budget. He decided he would go back to the old way of distributing those figures. Under our debate we decided we would continue with what we had decided last year as a legislature. So I am happy to report that the distribution formula will continue to be 50/50 in terms of the way we look at the town's ability to pay. We also continue on our five year journey to bring everyone to 17 ½ percent. We're in year two. What does that mean for Hamilton-Wenham? In FY 07 you received about $3,200,000 for your school aid. Under our proposal with an additional $40,000,000 over and above what was last year's figure for the school aid you will receive an additional $139,000 over FY 07. Under the Governor's proposal you would have received $38,000 less. In terms of our municipal aid we also got some victories last year and we were fearful that they may not continue in terms of your lottery fund. As you know during FY 03 we had to cut back what we were giving to cities and towns in terms of our lottery. We pay a cap of 75% of all funds after prizes and after expenses to go back to cities and towns. I argued along with many of my colleagues that we had made a pledge to the cities and towns that when the lottery was adopted that you would get back 100% of those funds after expenses and prizes. Last year we adopted the uncapping of the lottery fund so that it would all go back to the cities and towns. We adopted that again in this year's budget and on top of that we are projecting an increase in revenue in the lottery aid. What that means for Hamilton is last year you got $744,000 and this year you'll be getting $757,000, which is an increase of over $12,000 in the lottery aid. Another line item that is near and dear to all of us is the pay in lieu of taxes "PILOT Program" and this is the state owned lands line item. Where we believe if you have a property in your town you should be getting some form of funding to help with the particular running of that, state park, in this case or other properties. The Governor proposed an increase in that line item. We adopted that increase so that will be an additional $12,000 for the Town of Hamilton. So we are going from $104,000 to $116,000 for that particular item, which I think is a major victory. I know this is something that MMA has been pushing for many many years and an issue the Board of Selectmen have been contacting me on for nine straight years. We also heard from your Department of Public Works director as well as your chairman and Candace that we need to do a better job with the infrastructure money you receive and we're talking about your CH 90 roadway program. In the past we had to cut back during the bad times to about $100,000,000 to be distributed to all the cities and towns. About a month and a half ago we adopted a Bond Bill that put $150,000,000 into our roadway program for our municipalities. That allows Hamilton almost $191,000 for FY 08 and the construction season, which historically we have to wait until the fall because we don't know what the figure will be until the legislature passes something. This year we passed it early so you attack this spring and summer's construction season with that $191,000 for your roadway projects. In closing I want to thank the local boards I work with. You are all a pleasure to work with you and assist you up on Beacon Hill. Thank you for the efforts of the Town and School. It has not been an easy few years with at the state and municipal level but we do see light at the end of the tunnel. Senator Tarr feels the same way; unfortunately he could not be here tonight.

To Chairman Bullivant thank you for your service and friendship you have shown me over the last few years, you will be sorely missed on the Board of Selectmen.

Arthur Oberheim – Finance and Advisory Committee: Some of you have seen these numbers before. I think the key take away here is when you have Proposition 2 ½ and 1% or less in new growth in a town with 3 ½ percent to work with you have these kinds of cost increases: Personnel 3.9%; Employee Health Benefits 7.5%; General Insurance 1%; Retirement 6.5%; Energy 6.0%; State and Local Revenues 0%, it does make it a challenging year. One thing that is different for this year is we have flat local and state revenues to support our budget. We also had a reduction in other revenue sources which I'll go into in a little more detail later. We had a decrease in new construction which would normally add to our tax base. Also to support the schools and the town we had a levy increase of $573,000 which is relatively small when we are talking about an aggregate budget of over $22,000,000. Proposition 2 ½ capital exclusions will be discussed tonight and we're asking for your support for a new police cruiser and two DPW pick-up trucks. The most challenging this evening is the town and school operating overrides. As we get into the budget highlights, the budget you will be looking at tonight represents a 1.5% reduction in revenue and a 4.4% increase in expenses and those expenses were driven by the tree removal, drainage, health insurance, energy, joint library and retirement. If you took those increases out of the budget the rest of the budget as actually a negative increase. There was also a 5.9% increase in our assessment for the schools. When we started the budget in January, we knew we'd have a long road to go and this year out of the requests we took $518,000 of reductions which included two trucks, side walk plow, reduction of employee hours, two unfunded positions, alternate financing for $103,000 of expenses that came from Chapter 90 and CPS. Other revenue sources, that we have benefited from in the past to help fund our budget have decreased from FY 06 and FY 08 by 46%. The school system represents the biggest portion of expenses paid each year with public safety and the DPW following. The gross budget represents a levy increase of 6.5%. The levy increase and tax impact budget are reviewed with a tax increase of $.83 for FY 08.

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ARTICLE 2-1 **Compensation/ Classification Table**

Moved by Larry Warner, Chair, Personnel Board, duly seconded, that the Town amend the Personnel By-law, as recommended by the Personnel Board, by adopting changes to the classification and compensation tables, copies of which are on file with the Town Clerk and which are set forth in Appendix B of the 2007 Warrant Book, [with the corrections read by the moderator.]

Moderator recognized Bob Bullivant, Chair, Board of Selectmen.

Bob Bullivant: I want to personally recognize and thank our next speaker, Larry Warner, who is serving his 4th term on the Personnel Board. I had the pleasure of serving with Larry on three of those terms. He has been a beacon of fairness and a guiding light for our Personnel Policies development. He has served on several search committees to help hire key employees and bargaining committees for contract negotiations with employee unions. He, personally at home, has maintained classification and compensation system on his spread sheets for many years. I thank you Larry, we are retiring together, my friend.

Larry Warner: I thank you Bob and thought I would just be able to slip away quietly. My terms on the Personnel Board have been a pleasure working with members of the Personnel Board and Board of Selectmen. I had the opportunity to know and work with the employees of the town. Our employees are a talented and dedicated group and we are lucky to have them.

Keep up with inflation. The consumer price index for this area in calendar year 2006 recorded a slightly larger increase about 3.25%. I forgot about changes that I had recommended for the last Fall Town Meeting that we

ended up not having. For the most part they are fairly minor. The assistant to the Town Administrator and the Assistant Treasurer/Collector's salary schedules were raised somewhat to keep them consistent with market salaries for these positions. Other changes include in the assessor's office, the Director of Assessor's position has evolved into a greater responsibility including many of the duties previously performed by the Chief Appraiser.
A new job description has been approved by the Director of Assessing and the position has moved to the salary scale previously occupied by the Chief Appraiser. At the same time the position of Chief Appraiser has been eliminated and replaced by Evaluation Consultant which is a contract position. These changes have offset one another in the assessor's office and have had a zero effect. The salary scale for Assistant Town Accountant has been increased to the level of Assistant Treasurer/Collector reflecting similarities in duties and requirements of both positions and current market salaries in similar positions. The facilities repair and maintenance position which has saved the Town considerable sums of money in recent years has been increased from a four step salary scale to a seven step salary scale.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTIONS PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR THE COMPENSATION/CLASSIFICATION TABLE

ARTICLE 2-2 **General Town Appropriations**

Moved by Arthur Oberheim, Chair, Finance and Advisory Committee, duly seconded, that the Town raise and appropriate the sums for schools and all other Town expenses which are set forth in the 2008 Fiscal Year Budget appearing as **Appendix C** to the Warrant Book with the additions and corrections read by the moderator, on the condition that appropriation for the following items will be contingent upon passage of a motion pursuant to Article 2-8 of the 2007 Warrant: $59,000 for drainage to fund an engineering study on water flow and the initial work related to repairing and replacing culverts, basin and discharge areas, $25,000 for tree removal and associated costs and $37,582 in departmental expenses shared by each department proportionately; and [excepting those items held].

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR THE GENERAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

ARTICLE 2-3 **Water Enterprise Budget**
Moved by Arthur Oberheim, Chair, Finance and Advisory Committee, duly seconded, that the Town approve the Water Enterprise Budget set forth in Appendix D to the 2007 Warrant Book.

After a brief explanation by Arthur Oberheim, the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

SEE FOLLOWING PAGE FOR THE WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

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ARTICLE 2-4 **Water Enterprise Retained Earnings for Legal Expenses**
Moved by Arthur Oberheim, Chair, Finance and Advisory Committee, duly seconded, that the Town transfer $25,000 from Water RetainedEarnings to the Water Emergency Fund to pay for FY 07 legal expenses.

Arthur Oberheim explained that this will have no impact on real estate taxes and they do not anticipate any change in water rates for FY 08. They found they had legal expenses exceeding what was approved in the budget. So they are asking for approval of $25,000.00 to pay for legal expenses.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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ARTICLE 2-5 **Water Enterprise Retained Earnings for FY 07 Capital Purchases** Moved by Arthur Oberheim, Chair, Finance and Advisory Committee,duly seconded, that the Town appropriate $19,360 from Water Retained Earnings and appropriate $10,640 excess from the appropriation made at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting Article 2-4 to pay for the purchase of additional radio-read water meters for the Water Department in FY 07.

Arthur explained that they are about half way through replacing the water meters with radio-read meters which are more efficient and will cost less to maintain and read. In addition they hope to catch more water volume and bill it then they have in the past. There will be no impact on the real estate taxes and no anticipated increase in water fees at this time.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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ARTICLE 2-6 **Water Enterprise Retained Earnings for FY 08 Capital Purchases**
Moved by Arthur Oberheim, Chair, Finance and Advisory Committee, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate $30,000 from Water Retained Earnings to pay for the purchase of additional radio-read water meters for the Water Department in FY 08.

Arthur explains that this is allocated from our Water Retained Earnings of $30,000.00, again to help complete the radio-read water meter.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 2-7 **North Shore Vocational Regional School District Budget**

Moved by David Ketcham, duly seconded, that the Town approve the gross operating and maintenance budget of the North Shore Regional Vocational School District and raise and appropriate $144,617 for the Town's assessed portion thereof.

David explained that this supports one of the public schools that some of us may be unaware of. There are 10 students that attend this school in Middleton.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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ARTICLE 2-8 **Town Operating Override**

Moved by Bob Bullivant, Chair, Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate $121,582 to be raised contingent on the passage of a referendum question pursuant to G.L. c.59, Sec. 21C (g), for operating expenses of the Town, such referendum question to be voted upon by **Question 1** ballot at the Annual Town Election to be held on May 17, 2007 at the Winthrop School from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The ballot question text is set forth in **Appendix A, Question 1** of this Warrant, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Bob Bullivant explained that in his 25 year memory of the Town of Hamilton this is the first year where the operating budget of the Town does not balance. He states that he wishes he could tell us this is an anomaly but after many reductions they could not find a way to make it balance. There was a ballot question last year for an operating override but the coincidence of that was the voters passed the override but the Selectmen did not ask for it. At the last minute they found some money and were able to balance the budget. This year they need to ask the Town for $59,000 in drainage work to help with the flooding conditions, construction on Howard and Lincoln Streets for culvert repair and some channel dredging and on Essex and Appaloosa Streets catch basin and drain line installation. There is also $19,000 going towards the Miles River Mitigation Project and a smaller portion of $7,000 for small repairs on culverts throughout the town. They need $25,000 for tree removal as the older shade trees are dying and pest infestations that are adding to the problem. They are hoping to remove the old ones and plant new ones and the last $37,582 is for a miscellaneous category called "Departmental Expenses". They don't know exactly how all these are going to be rounded up if the override is not passed.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

APPENDIX A

Question 1: Town Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (g)

"Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $ 121,582 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town's net operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

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ARTICLE 2-9 **School Operating Budget Override**

Moved by Laurie Wilson, member of the School Committee, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate $340,121 to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to G.L. c. 39, Sec. 21C (g), and also contingent upon the Town of Wenham appropriating its **Question 2** proportionate share, for Hamilton's share of the FY 2008 operating budget of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District, as voted by the School Committee. A referendum question is included in the ballot for the Annual Town Election to be held on May 17, 2007 at the Winthrop School from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The ballot question text is set forth in **Appendix A, Question 2** of this Warrant, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Laurie Wilson: Mr. Moderator, I request permission to have Dr. Marinel McGrath make a presentation on this motion.

Moderator: I recognize Dr. Marinel McGrath, Superintendent.

Dr. McGrath: Before I begin the school budget presentation I would like to take a moment to introduce Mr. Paul Szymanski who is the new Assistant Superintendent for finance. Mr. Szymanski comes to us with private sector experience and as the school business administrator in regional, single and municipal school districts. I welcome him and look forward to the expertise he will bring to our district. I would also like to thank the school committee, Hamilton Selectmen and Finance Advisory Board for their work on the 2008 budget. I put the mission and district goal in front of us because this is the foundation upon which we actually build the budget as well as taking into consideration the physical constraints of the school district for the Towns of Hamilton and Wenham and the Commonwealth as key driving forces. Joint work with Hamilton and Wenham began in the fall of 2006 through the development of a level services budget which was actually presented to the community on February 1, 2007. Essentially while level services were the goal, it was not possible. Level services for the school district yielded an increase in expenses of $1,947,000 or an 8.2% increase over FY 07. Given the current fiscal climate it was determined that the school could not maintain level services for FY 08. The challenges to the level services are the Town's health insurance, salaries and utilities and for the school district in particular, special education costs. Since those budget drivers are considered fixed costs or contractual mandates, existing services were then viewed for reductions. The funding gap for level services was $1,451,035. So we said that the increase of 8.2% to maintain the level services could not be offset by traditional revenue sources. The projected revenue, as shown, our main areas are Chapter 70A and although it shows $101,050 there, we have received notice that we should receive an additional $37,000 in that particular category. In school choice we are going to have an increase this year due to the large number of students who are graduating as well as a small 8th grade class which allows us to take more choice students into the 9th grade. The circuit breaker is one of the funding areas where the state gives us some relief for special education funds and Medicaid reimbursement associated with special education. Overall you can see that we have a decrease in our revenues of $133,000. Chapter 70 illustrates the state funding and you can see that it's down for the 8th consecutive year. Your school committee is working very hard to change this formula through lobbying the legislators to take the burden off the tax payers. People are always curious about where our reserve fund stands. In FY 08 the allowable levels underneath the regional school law and state law is 5% of the gross budget. For the last five years we've been able to offset our budget by using some of the reserve fund monies. This year we will not be able to because we have depleted it over the years and in FY 07 you can see we had to spend unanticipated costs on special education and regular education to the tune of $215,000. Our balance as of May 1st was $309,000 which is only 1.32% of the total budget and we estimate our year end savings at $125,000. So we estimate that by June 30th we will have $434,011 or 1.76% left in our undesignated fund balance. Our auditors strongly recommend that we have at least 3% in that area. In order for us to reduce the school budget we have to realize the funding back of the $1,451,000 through program cuts and through personnel cuts or we can look at it through program cuts, personnel cuts and the school override. The summary of the reductions in the proposed reserve services reflects personnel and program reductions totaling $1,451,000.

In the area of personnel you can see that there will be a reduction of 31.6 staff reductions totaling $1,295,349 and a reduction of $155,686 to non salary accounts for instructional supplies and technology. This budget also includes 100% user fees for all athletics and K-12 extra curricular activities and increased reliance on grants. Last year we were able to earn $847,000 in grants. This is what the personnel reductions look like by level. The 31.6 positions that will be cut from this year's budget is 10% of our current staff. I would like you to think for a moment about the compounding affect that this has had on our total program. It's sobering to note that the elimination of these 31.6 positions, which equates to 10% of our current staff from this budget when added to the reductions that have been made in recent years, is a total loss of 89.4 positions in the district since 2001. The gains that we made in restoring staff services and programs through the FY 05 and the FY 06 budget are once again lost. With the impact of the $1,400,000 reduction we know that there are going to be several realities that we'll face as a result of the personnel and the expense reduction. At the elementary level there will be higher class sizes, three to four students per class beyond the school committee class size policy and there will be redistricting in grades 1 through 5. If we are able to achieve the override we will only have to redistrict in grades 4 and 5. At the middle and high school levels class sizes will increase an average of three to six students beyond the class size policy. When we reviewed the impact of these reductions on the curricular program we found that to make all these reductions once again would be detrimental to our core academic program and would severely compromise our central mission for teaching and learning and it's for this reason that we are advocating for a school override to retain some of those core services that we gained in the FY 05 and FY 06 budgets. The proposed override would retain 9 of those 30.6 positions. It includes all academic classroom teachers. The override was constructed to maintain the lowest class size we could with the emphasis on our youngest learners in K-4. In summary the override will retain those nine positions but we would still lose 22.6. To recap the FY 08 budget on March 29th the school committee voted to adopt the gross operating budget at $24,625,000, $610,000 of which is offset by the state revenues totaling $4,700,000 and the towns combined contribution of $19,000,000 which is an increase of 3.3% over last year. The budget is balanced with the override request at $494,000. This budget does not contain any funds for our strategic plan which is aimed at restoring and advancing programs and services for our students, which this year would have been two positions in the arts and academic areas. This budget is a no win. It has been criticized by our citizens as not being enough for our students. The school committee and I will tell you that the current level of funding does not allow the district to adequately address its needs. Instead there will be significant personnel and program reductions for the 6th consecutive year. How do our expenditures compare to the state? In FY 05 and the reason its 2005 is this, is the latest data available for year end reporting for the Department of Revenue and the Department of Education. Hamilton-Wenham spent an average of $9,029 per regular education student while the state average was $9,096.

The dollar amount proposed for the school override is $494,938. Hamilton's total equals $340,121 which is $124 per median household. I'm going to ask you to indulge me while I talk about the human side of the numbers as they relate to our students. When I addressed the school committee in March, I began with saying that Charles Dickens began A Tale of Two Cities by writing, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." He was talking about 1775; this is how I feel in 2007. Despite yet another difficult budget year the faculty and the staff of our regional school district remain committed to providing an excellent educational experience for our students. Many years of hiring the best and brightest classroom teaches and administrator's leaves us with a strong foundation that I am confident can once again sustain the impact of these reductions. I believe that FY 08 will be the tipping point for our schools. With this promise, to do more with less, comes my hope that we can reverse this trend in the near future. The strain it lays on the district by several years of inadequate budget growth, is compromising the education of our students. Over the course of the last six years the town's ability to provide adequate levels of funding to school or municipal budgets has been eroded by rising costs in several areas such as special education, utilities and health insurance. All of this is exacerbated by a state government that has retreated from its financial commitment to fund public education in suburban districts. In the best of times our students have a long

history of achieving excellence, whether it's in the classroom, on the stage, on the playing field and in every arena in which they participate.
This didn't happen by accident, rather it happened because you, the residents, who have backed your pride in your public schools with the necessary financial commitment to adequately support them. Generations of Hamilton-Wenham students have had the privilege of attending our schools and were given countless opportunities to succeed.

Despite the ongoing economic hardships the school district remains steadfast in its commitment to fulfill its mission to educate our children to become knowledgeable, healthy, responsible and productive adults. It is for this reason that the school committee and I appeal to you for your support of the proposed budget and school override this evening and again at the ballot vote on May 17th. In closing and on behalf of the district thank you for your continued support and your careful consideration of this request.

The moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

APPENDIX A

Question 2: School Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (g)

"Shall the town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $340,121 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding Hamilton's apportioned share of the net operating cost of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

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ARTICLE 2-10 Capital Exclusion Police Department Police Cruiser
Moved by Walter Cullen, Chief of Police, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate $28,500 to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to G.L., Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (i ½), to purchase a Police Department cruiser and related accessories, such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Annual Town Election to be **Question 3** held on May 17, 2007 at the Winthrop School from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The ballot question is set forth in **Appendix A, Question 3**, of this Warrant, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Chief Cullen: In the current fiscal year FY 07, you heard the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen on how they balanced the budget this year. One of the ways they balanced it is we did not receive a cruiser this year. This is the first year I can remember that the police department did not buy a new cruiser. Right now we have a 2003 with 150,000 miles on it and will have 160,000 by July and we would like to turn this in and replace the cruiser. We try to run these cars for 3 years with 120,000 miles on them then turn them in. Any time they go over 120,000 miles it starts costing a lot of money for maintenance and we still have an old cruiser. In the last nine months we've spent over $5,000 fixing this cruiser and that's above and beyond normal maintenance.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

APPENDIX A

Question 3: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (i ½)

"Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $28,500 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the purchase of a Police Department cruiser and related equipment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

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ARTICLE 2-11 Department of Public Works Capital Exclusion

Moved by Bill Bowler, Member, Board of Selectmen, duly seconded that the Town appropriate $54,000 to be raised contingent upon the passage of a referendum question pursuant to G.L., Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (i ½), to purchase two Department of Public Works vehicles, such referendum question to be voted upon by ballot at the Annual Town Election to be **Question 4** held on May 17, 2007 at the Winthrop School from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 pm.; the ballot question is set forth in **Appendix A, Question 4**, of this Warrant, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Bill explained that this is a capital exclusion for two pick-up trucks that are badly needed by the Department of Public Works. This would be a one time exclusion. It would not go on the tax levy permanently.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

APPENDIX A

Question 4: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (i ½)

"Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $54,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the purchase of two Department of Public Works pick-up tucks for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

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ARTICLE 2-12 Community Preservation Committee Budget Approval

The Moderator stated that there is a correction to **Appendix F** of the Warrant Book. The fifth appropriation, the Pleasant Pond Landscape Improvement Plan, should be corrected by **deleting** ***'parking lot improvements and sub-grade preparation'*** and **substituting** ***'materials for the stone wall and Gate House, landscaping and electrical work'***. I now recognize Tom Catalano.

Moved by Tom Catalano, Chairman, Community Preservation Committee, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate or reserve from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, community preservation projects, community preservation special and general reserve funds and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2008 as set forth in Appendix F to the 2007 Warrant Book, with the correction as read by the Moderator, and with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

Tom Catalano: As you know this is the second year we've had the community preservation and we have projected revenues this year of $600,000 between our town appropriation and our state matching grant. The community preservation is dedicated to acquisition and preservation of office space, which includes recreation, creation and support of affordable housing, and acquisition and preservation of historic buildings and landscapes. Hamilton voted to have a 2% surcharge and right now we are getting a 2% match by the state. The CPA is used to fund projects that are a long term priority. It is used to fund capital projects for public facilities that would otherwise be funded using tax revenues. We are going to set aside a portion of annual CPA funds to help acquire key parcels should they become available. We give preference to projects which qualify in more than one of those four categories. We fund projects that are consistent with the Master Plan and other long range town plans.

In FY 08, we voted to set aside $186,864 for a general reserve fund to be used in any of these three categories. This is to be used for open space, community housing or historic preservation. It could be used for bonding if a large parcel were to become available and the town wanted to act on it. It could also be used as a basis for matching grants with other sources and the funds are held in an interest bearing account. Over the course of the past winter and spring the community preservation committee received applications from many aspects of the community. We voted over the course of several meetings to come up with this list before you tonight. The first is to fund architectural and design work necessary for the repairs to the Community House. We voted to purchase a laptop for the Conservation Commission. We have voted to fund preservation of historic town documents. We'd like to fund a $25,000 contribution for maintenance work on the Chebacco Woods Trail project. There is a $50,000 grant the state has given to Chebacco Woods. Gordon College is going to be donating materials and services valued at $1,700 . The Essex County Trails Association will be donating $250 and River Environmental Consulting has provided $1,165 in pro bono work. So that is the example of how we can use the CPA fund to get other funding to move these projects ahead. As many of you know Pleasant Pond is an area used by Hamilton and Wenham. Last year the Wenham CPA gave $10,000 and they're giving $13,000 this year and we're asking for $23,000 to bring up our end of that which will be used for a parking area, lighting, gate house and other improvements, including maintenance of a foot path that goes from Hamilton to the Pleasant Pond area. There is also a project for a public benefit proposed by a boy scout to build picnic tables, bike racks and trash receptacles to be located throughout town. The next project is for an energy audit and heating design for Town Hall for a cost of $9,900. Last year we had wanted to appropriate monies for replacement of the HVAC system or repairs to same at Town Hall. The scope of the project grew beyond the initial appropriation and it was decided we would fund a design study and an energy audit to figure out the best way to get the system up to date. Last year we had voted to spend some funds on the repair of the historic vaulted ceiling in the upstairs room at Town Hall and again we were not able to get repairs in place. We are proposing to replace underground wiring at Patton Park which is in disrepair and install one additional light to light the playing field. The Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously on May 2, 2007 to approve this. The Woodbury Street Path is construction of a removable street crossing as part of the potential completion of Woodbury Street, which was applied for by the Road Safety Committee. A section of the path was built last year using some monies from a grant and many in kind contributions and services from volunteers and this is to build a removable crossing soothe Department of Public Works can, when required, remove the bridge, keep it clear and prevent any problems with beaver activity. The landfill study cost $179,000 as mandated by the state. This is $113,000 of CPA money which is going to augment the $66,000 the town has already committed to spend on this project. I think all of you saw the Model T on your way in, this is apart of a project that's an adjunct to the new public safety building. The Model T was originally housed in a building you can see in the lower section of the slide which was built by fire department volunteers about 12 years ago and the building had to be raised as part of the construction of the new public safety building. The Model T is a significant part of Hamilton's history and the fire fighters are asking for $35,000 for materials for construction of a new display building. They are going to supply all the labor. They also have the architect of the public safety building assisting in the design. We are asking to set aside 10% of the 2008 fund for potential community housing projects.

As part of the statute we are allowed to spend 5% of our funds for administration expenses. Part of that goes to pay Christine Berry our new administrative personnel and part goes to the membership for the community preservation coalition which previously had been privately funded.

Robert DeFelice, 341 Cutler Road: My question is related to the personal computer for $1,200. Personal PC's are $4,500, why do we need to spend $1,200?

John Hamilton responds to the question and states that they will attempt to save money and further explains the benefits of the software for the Conservation Commission.

Esther Herdeg, 37 Howard Street: I have a question about the ceiling at Town Hall. Last time I was up there it is a bunch of offices with dividers and it seems to me one of the better suggestions would be to make a drop ceiling, which would be less difficult to heat. I don't know if you plan to put it back to the beautiful hall we had with the dome ceiling so that's my question.

Tom Catalano: We're required to spend or set aside 10% for historic preservation. The room upstairs at Town Hall is an architectural treasure piece and it would be a shame to cut that to a lowered ceiling. The repair cost is relatively small given the value of the building.

Beth Ganister, 150 Woodbury Street: I just have a comment about the Woodbury Street Bridge. I live next to this property. I am on a first name basis now with everyone at DPW. For two months Steve started his day at 7:30 a.m. cleaning the culvert of beaver activity every night. It's currently caused again from spring run off. The only bridge design we have seen virtually makes the culvert inaccessible and any time we've seen a back hoe come to clean out anything there was when the whole road had to be torn out to replace the culvert. Funding this project $32,000 in the over all scheme of what our budget is doesn't seem like very much but it's $32,000 that is ultimately going to cost more money because Steve is going to be there more often cleaning out this culvert. My husband and I go down there with rakes and we try to shovel it out as much as we can, but when we can't do it anymore we call Steve. This bridge is going to make it completely inaccessible to us. There are a lot of wonderful projects here. The town needs funding in other areas and I would ask that you allocate the $32,000 somewhere else where it can be used better.

Robert DeFelice, 341 Cutler Road: I have one more question for Mr. Catalano. I'm curious about the $113,000 for the study, did you say that's mandated by the state?

Mr. Catalano: It's part of a mandated state environmental report prior to getting the dump certified to be closed.

Charlotte Lidrbauch, 211 Sagamore Street: We seem to have this embarrassment of riches in the CPA fund and as a parent in the school district it's amazing that we have $25,000 to build a trail but we're about to lose our school music teacher.

Tom Catalano: Unfortunately the way the CPA is set up, it is not regular town revenue, it's meant to augment our town spending and what we are getting by spending these things it's like $113,000, for instance that we are mandated to spend on the landfill study, if that had to come out of town revenue we'd be adding that to the school override so we are actually helping the schools not harming them.

Unknown Speaker: I just need clarification on the expense for Pleasant Pond because I'm not clear about what part of it is in Hamilton. I'm certainly an advocate of working with Wenham but just from being on the finance committee and other issues I'm just not certain where this is going and if we build this what are the ongoing expenses we may incur.

Tom Catalano: Hopefully we have a member of the Pleasant Pond Association here tonight.

Virginia Baker, 2 South Street, Wenham, MA: I'm the President of the Pleasant Pond Association. To address the question there's an actual portion of the Pleasant Pond area where there is a division coming from the small area trail up to the back of the wooded area. The idea is that it's a shared property between Hamilton and Wenham and used by both Hamilton and Wenham residents. There are many components to the plan, the parking lot, there is a retaining wall and those are all things that we are striving to build and the engineering and landscaping design is to build it to last for generations. Maintenance does not come out of the CPA funds. That is something the DPW from Wenham will continue with. As Mr. Catalano explained this is a different set of funding,

Tess Leary, 20 Bay Road: My concern is the building of a new facility for the Model T. I would like to know where it is going and why it cannot be included in the structure that now exists.

Kalil Boghdan, 12 School Street: I am Chairman of the Building Committee. There certainly is more than enough space in the current facility to house the Model T. The firemen felt this was a piece of town history and they wanted a separate facility where the Model T would be on view for the citizens of Hamilton to see at all times.

The moderator states that the question is: Where do they want to locate the new structure?

Kalil Boghdan: On the drawings if you're looking at the former library it is going to be to the right of that in the rear and will be part of the landscaping and final public parking lot.

Kirby Brand, 42 Grant Avenue: The members of the fire company have spent lots of money on this piece of equipment to restore it and keep it in good shape. It was the first piece of motorized equipment that the town owned. If we leave it on the apparatus floor it will surely get damaged and dirty. We feel that this piece of equipment deserves to be maintained for the future of our town and we ask for your support.

Bob DeFelice: Mr. Catalano would you please explain once more the $186,000 undedicated reserve?

Mr. Catalano: We have several types of reserves. We have dedicated reserves for which we're setting aside $60,000 for our community housing and $14,000 for open space. The $186,854 is a general reserve which we can then chose to spend in any of the four categories. The idea is to give us some flexibility.

Esther Herdeg: Would it be possible to treat as wholes all the things that were questioned, vote on everything else and then vote on each of those individually?

The moderator responds by stating that they can vote on them as a group with just one motion for the entire batch as recommended or they can treat it the same way they do the town budget and go through and if anybody wants to vote on a particular item separately we can use the whole procedure vote on those that are not held and then go back and take each one that is held separately. He states that he would like to know what the will of the meeting is. He then states from what he can tell the will of the meeting is to treat the group as a package so that's what will be done.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BUDGET

APPENDIX F
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BUDGET FY 08

SOURCE	PURPOSE
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $1,200 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the purchase of a laptop computer needed to carryout the Mass. Conservation Mapping Assistance Partnership Program.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $8,200 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the architectural and design work necessary for the repair of the HW Community House portico and underlying structural system.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $16,346 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the preservation and scanning of a variety of the Town's historical assets which are in need of conservation.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $25,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund trail improvements on portions of the White Dot Trail at Chebacco Woods.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $23,300 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund a portion of the Pleasant Pond Landscape Improvement Plan, specifically, parking lot improvements and sub-grade preparation. **CORRECTION TO READ:** To appropriate $23,300 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund a portion of the Pleasant Pond Landscape Improvement Plan, **specifically, materials for the stone wall and Gate House, landscaping and electrical work.**
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $4,200 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the purchase of raw materials to construct a dozen picnic tables, bike racks, and trash receptacles to be placed in parks and various other public areas of town.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $9,900 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund an energy audit of Town Hall.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $25,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund an additional light and the replacement of the underground wiring at Patton Park which feeds various lights and poles at the Park.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $30,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the repair of the 1898 existing plaster ceiling of the 2nd floor of Town Hall.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $32,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund the construction of a stream crossing needed to complete the pedestrian/bicycle pathway along Woodbury Street.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $113,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to fund a study of the existing environmental condition of the landfill area and review the potential for its reuse.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $35,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues to construct the building that currently houses the Chemical I, a 1916 Model T/American LaFrance Chemical Truck, the first piece of apparatus purchased by the Hamilton Fire Dept.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $60,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for the required 10% set aside for future Community Housing projects.
ANNUAL REVENUES	To appropriate $30,000 from FY 2008 Community Preservation Fund Revenues for administration costs including, but not limited to, $1,500 for the annual Community Preservation Coalition Membership Fees and salary for the part-time Community Preservation Committee Coordinator position.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BUDGET FY 08

Anticipated CPA Revenues of $ 600,000 (including estimated state match of $300,000)

Summary of recommendations by Category		%
Community Housing	$ 60,000	10.00 %
Open Space	$ 114,200	19.03 %
Historic Preservation	$ 99,446	16.58 %
Recreation	$ 109,500	18.25 %
Administration	$ 30,000	5.00 %
Undedicated Reserve	$ 186,854	31.14 %
Total	**$ 600,000**	**100%**

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ARTICLE 2-13 **Economic Development Studies**

Moved by Dick Low, Member, Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate $55,000 from the remaining balance of the appropriation at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, Article 2-6, to fund studies to foster development of net tax revenue to the Town, such sum to be spent by the Economic Development Committee with the approval of the Selectmen.

The Moderator recognized Bill Gisness, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee to make a presentation.

Bill Gisness: The Economic Development Committee was established by the Selectmen in 2004 to initiate ways to modify the land use policies to permit non single family uses. These types of projects are mainly to expand the tax base of the town and increase the net tax revenue. The Economic Development Committee initiated three initiatives to begin the process. One was to put together a mixed use by-law. Second was further uses downtown to promote the development of downtown. Several businesses have stated that they are interested in improving their development and their properties. Several studies are being conducted . The last was the development of the Hamilton landfill and their project became so complicated that another committee was established. The money is there but is only to be used for septic systems, but we would like to open it up so we can use it for other uses.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

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ARTICLE 2-14 **Annual Financial Actions**

Moved by Art Oberheim, Chair, Finance and Advisory Committee, duly seconded, that the Town authorize the following financial actions:

A. Transfer $2,000 from the **Cemetery Sale of Lots** and Graves Account to be used for cemetery purposes;
B. Transfer $10,000 from the **Cemetery Perpetual Care Account** to be used for cemetery purposes;
C. Transfer $10,925.37 from the **Clark Property Account** to the Conservation Fund.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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ARTICLE 2-15 Certified Overlay Surplus Application
Moved by Robert Trussell, Chair, Board of Assessors, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate $30,000 of available certified overlay surplus to be used by the Board of Assessors to reduce the tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007.

Bob Trussell: The overlay account is set up in the recap with the supervision of the Department of Revenue. It's usually around $80,000.00 to $115,000.00 perhaps to take care of exemptions, abatements, senior work programs, foreclosures and things like that. The money we don't use is returned to free cash. We found that we could release $30,000.00 to use this year to be used to reduce the tax rate.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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ARTICLE 2-16 Appropriation Excess FY 2007 Transfer
Moved by Art Oberheim, Chair, Finance and Advisory Committee, duly seconded, that the Town transfer $30,000 from the Appropriation for the Finance Department to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

Art Oberheim: In our reserve account we have approximately $19,000. We started the year with $125,000.00. We know that we have bills that will exceed that that have to be paid this year. They fall into two categories, legal bills and some storm damage bills from this most recent storm. We also anticipated a longer gap in replacing the town accountant, which did not happen so we have $30,000 in reserve that we would like to move to take care of the expenditures.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 10:30 PM until Tuesday May 8, 2007 at the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School starting at 7:30 PM.

A TRUE COPY: ATTEST:

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Jane M. Wetson, Town Clerk

TOWN OF HAMILTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Adjourned Session
Held
Tuesday, May 8, 2007
At
Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School

Moderator declared a quorum being present (150) and the Warrant returned showing it had been properly served, opened the Adjourned session of the 214th Annual Town Meeting at 7:41 PM with 310 registered voters checked and present.

Precinct 1 – 111
Precinct 2 – 99
Precinct 3 – 100

Moderator appointed the Assistant Moderator who has been duly sworn.

Tellers have been appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn.

John McWain	175 Woodbury Street
Richard Flynn	183 Linden Street
Robert Trussell	131 Railroad Avenue
John Gledhill	465 Bridge Street
Janice Pappas	5 Bittersweet Lane
Dave Thompson	103 Essex Street

We have set up the cafeteria across the hall as overflow space. There is a closed circuit television set in the cafeteria and two tellers. All other non-registered visitors must be seated in the visitors' area in the cafeteria.

Another procedural note, we record these proceedings so as to have an accurate record of the meeting. Therefore, unless I recognize you by name, please use the microphones provided and give your name and address when you arise to address the moderator. People in the cafeteria desiring to speak to any article should contact one of the tellers and arrange to be brought to the microphones in the auditorium.

All registered voters have been given a distinctive voter ID card when checking into the meeting. Do not lose or destroy this card. You will need to show the card on any counted vote. If you can not show the card, your vote may not be counted.

SECTION 3: PLANNING/ZONING ACTIONS

ARTICLE 3-1 **Senior Housing Special Permit**

Moved by Marc Johnson, Chairman of the Planning Board, duly seconded, that the Town delete the Elder Housing Special District provisions of the Zoning By-law, Section V-E, and replace it with a new Senior Housing Special Permit by adopting the language set forth in Appendix G to the 2007 Warrant Book.

Moderator recognized Marc Johnson to speak to the motion. Mr. Johnson requested David Santomena be allowed to present first. Mr. Santomena gave a brief history of the Senior Housing By-law process explaining how the current by-law, which has never been used, is out of date. He discussed the ways the Planning Board had reached out to the community over the summer of 2006 and throughout the year through open meetings, the Senior Housing Working Group, and informational sessions with concerned residents. Mr. Santomena thanked all those who participated in the process and recognized the hard work of the Senior Housing Working Group.

Mr. Johnson then addressed the Meeting to explain the purpose of the By-law. He explained the dual objectives of the by-law are: to allow the creation of senior housing and to generate tax revenue that does also generate education costs. The goal is to achieve both of these while protecting the character of the Town.

He said the Master Plan and events of the past few years have instilled the need to develop more senior housing and especially affordable senior housing. The creation of affordable senior housing is economically difficult, but would be addressed by this By-law. Mr. Johnson presented statistics that project the senior population will continue to grow in Hamilton over the next 20 -25 years. The goal of the By-law is to provide moderate and higher priced homes that will allow seniors who have lived in Hamilton all their lives to downsize and remain in Hamilton.

In his presentation Mr. Johnson stressed only a few permits would be issued for Senior Housing Projects in the initial trial phase. He carefully went through the provisions of the by-law and they way developers could increase the amount of units in their housing developments by providing affordable units or open space.

After a lengthy presentation in which he outlined all the provisions of the by-law and the work that went into creating it, Mr. Johnson asked the Meeting to support the By-law.

The Moderator then opened the floor for debate, questions, and comments. He requested those speaking introduce themselves by name and address.

Carol Bullivant of 101 Woodbury Street spoke on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Hamilton and Wenham. They did their own study on senior housing and concluded the need for more senior housing options in Hamilton is real and growing. She said Hamilton lacks effective ways to encourage elderly housing even though most residents say the Town should do more to help these residents.

To those who say they don't want any change in Hamilton, she emphasized change has already occurred with less variety in style, size, demographics and cost of homes than in the past. The majority of homes being built now are large, high-end homes.

She also said it was distressing to her to learn that there has been a behind the scenes smear campaign with hateful letters sent to elderly residents and people being told they would shunned if they vote for the By-law. She said while it is okay to disagree residents should consider the issues on the merits and not based on these tactics.

Jack Lawrence of 105 Rock Maple Road said he felt the by-law is better than last year's version. He recognizes the hard work the committees have put into it, but feels this by-law would allow too much density. His biggest fear is sprawl and in his opinion this would foster sprawl. Mr. Lawrence thinks the Town needs a by-law more like Open Space and Farmland Preservation or Cluster by-laws to meet the needs of the Hamilton community. He asked residents to vote no on the By-law.

Josh Learner of 278 Cutler Road said he is an economic professor. He feels the taxes are too high in Hamilton and something needs to be done. While he feels the process has been done very well, he thinks this by-law represents a worrisome, high-risk gamble. He says the risks involved with this by-law are too high and in his calculation, the rewards to taxpayers will only be about $150 per year. Mr. Learner believes homes in Hamilton will actually loose property value if this by-law is passed.

Marc Johnson responded to Mr. Learner's comments. He said in similar communities in Massachusetts homes actually appreciated in value, not depreciated. This is because those towns are better able to afford the services they provide. He said it is possible homes could depreciate in value, but not very likely.

Bill Gisness of 3 Walnut Lane spoke as the Chairman of the Hamilton Economic Committee. He said the Senior Housing By-law is a smart and appropriate way for the Town to take small steps to meet some of the tax needs of the Town. This By-law represents a small step forward in the right direction. He referenced the Maples development in Wenham and the fact this By-law would only allow half the density of the Maples. Finally, he cited a statistic that thirty-six of these units would provide one and one-half times the annual revenue of the Hamilton Shopping Center. He asked the Moderator to allow former Hamilton resident Peter Twining to address the meeting.

Peter Twining of 88 Northridge Road, Ipswich was permitted to speak to the meeting. He explained he is still a member of the Economic Development Committee until June when his term expires. Mr. Twining lived in Hamilton for thirty-five years and was involved in Town government for twenty of those years. He asked residents to support this by-law, pointing out that the Hamilton tax rate is 75% higher than Manchester's, 30% higher than Ipswich's, 20% higher than Essex's, 15% higher than Boxford's, and 5% higher than Wenham's.

He said this problem is one Hamilton has had for several years, and will continue to have. Mr. Twining explained Ipswich has been building its tax base in ways the Town Officials in Hamilton are asking residents to consider and they have seen success with these models. He feels this by-law is a reasonable way to address the growing tax burden. He said not everyone can pay the increased tax burden and it is a serious matter that should be addressed. He said as a recent home-seller he can attest to the fact that in a slower market people compare the cost of taxes when deciding where to purchase a home.

Bob Gould of Gail Ave is opposed to the By-law. He feels the value of homes will be reduced by having these developments and that this By-law is a gamble. In his opinion, homes have already begun to depreciate in the area around Willow Bend Farm because of the uncertainty with what could happen to the parcel. Mr. Gould argues the gamble is too high because the economic impact is not good enough. He also said seniors selling their homes will bring in more school children.

Mr. Johnson responded to the comments of Mr. Gould by saying when a senior moves out of his/her home to senior housing that would have happened anyway but with the option to live in Hamilton their decision to move might be pushed up by a few years. He also said a family would purchase the property whether sold to move within Hamilton or outside. Finally he said the developer is not purchasing the Willow Bend property.

The Moderator pointed out the article had been under discussion for over an hour and he wanted to wind things up shortly.

Katrina Hart of 893 Highland Street said she is very impressed with the effort that went into forming the by-law. However, she would like to know how the ZBA, Conservation, Open Space, and other committees feel about this by-law. She also said that as a landowner, she does not know of many landowners who are in favor of this by-law.

Ronald Mason of 3 Paddock Lane wanted to know what will constitute a senior for purposes of the by-law.

Marc Johnson responded the age is 55+ and one person over the age of 18 can live with the senior. No school-aged children may live in the building.

Tom Ford of 609 Bay Road said that last year he spoke strongly against the By-law. He feels this year the Planning Board has done an extraordinary job and is very happy with the new By-law. He is amazed at the quality and thoughtfulness of the By-law. He feels the Planning Board has done very well being receptive to the people. Mr. Ford does not feel this by-law would detract from the value of the homes in the area and thinks the Planning Board and the By-law should be commended for their hard work. He said the maximum number of units, 150, will never be implemented in Hamilton because there are not any parcels to support that number. He isn't worried about the rush to judgment that others envision. Mr. Ford feels market rate elderly housing is an opportunity to keep Hamilton residents. Would like people to give this by-law a chance.

Moderator said two more comments allowed.

Jennifer Scuteri of 171 Essex Street said she moved to Hamilton seven years ago because of the good balance of moderate taxes and excellent school system. She recognizes there are people in Hamilton now who cannot afford the taxes and with the cuts the schools have faced she feels the value of homes have already depreciated 30% so this by-law represents a step in the right direction to fix the problems the Town is facing.

Joanne Ridinger of 15 Bittersweet Lane is happy with the by-law. She has been very involved in the process and feels there is a lot of misinformation being promulgated throughout the Town. She says this is a very good by-law that will help the whole Town, not just the seniors and landowners. This by-law would expire in 5 years with the purpose of maintaining the feel and look of the Town while allowing those residents who raised their families in the Town to remain. Ms. Ridinger asked residents to vote for the by-law so that something good can happen.

Moderator called for the vote, but more residents wished to speak.

Sarah Getchell spoke on behalf of the Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee. She said both committees are not in favor of the by-law because of wetlands, watershed protection, and open space. She says they recognize the need for and support the need for more housing and affordable housing options. They would rather see an amendment of OSFPD because it provides more protection.

David Sullivan of 60 Alan Road spoke on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The board feels there are many unanswered questions about the by-law and while it has lots of great features they would like to see a two-year term for the by-law. Anything anyone suggests at this point is just a guess and they would need to see the by-law in action to know how it will work.

Marc Johnson responded the two-year window would be too short for landowners and developers to seek each other out and properly plan any projects. Also, he noted the memo Mr. Sullivan discussed was received at 11:30 PM after the final meeting of the Planning Board.

Moderator called for the vote and reminded residents the motion requires a 2/3 vote.
CARD VOTE: UNDECIDED

Moderator called for a counted card vote.
COUNTED VOTE: Ayes 180
Nays 118
MOTION DOES NOT PASS
DID NOT ACHIEVE THE 2/3 rds VOTE

Bob Bullivant called for a vote for reconsideration, to amend the question and take a second vote. The Moderator said this motion requires a two-thirds vote. The motion was duly seconded.

Mr. Bullivant moved the by-law be amended to expire on April 30, 2010.

Walter Meibaum of Whipple Road. Feels it is inappropriate to amend a zoning by-law on the Town Meeting floor because it does not give the public time to consider what it means. He said a number of people on both sides had already left.

Marc Johnson responded and said the motion made by Mr. Bullivant addressed the major issue those opposed to the by-law suggested. He feels this is a very responsive amendment and did not deserve catcalls and disrespect from those in attendance.

A resident called for a check of the quorum, which was met.

Moderator called for a vote on the motion for consideration, which would maintain a discussion on the Senior Housing by-law. It requires a 2/3 vote.

VOICE VOTE: UNDECIDED

Moderator called for a card vote.

CARD VOTE: MOTION DOES NOT CARRY BY 2/3 VOTE
Declared by the Moderator

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APPENDIX G

SENIOR HOUSING SPECIAL PERMIT BYLAW

Delete **Section V.E.**, Elder Housing Special District, and replace it with the new Senior Housing Special Permit By-law language below.

SENIOR HOUSING SPECIAL PERMIT

1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this Bylaw are to:

.. permit the development of moderately priced, affordable, and market rate housing for individuals aged fifty-five and over, by allowing for a greater variety of building types at a higher density than would normally be allowed,

..allow greater flexibility in land use planning in order to improve site layouts, protect natural features and environmental values and utilize land in harmony with neighboring properties; and to encourage the implementation of "smart growth" techniques to reduce land consumption and sprawl, provide for open space preservation, expand housing options, and encourage re-use of existing structures,
..allow a type of development which has positive fiscal benefits to the Town,

..protect Hamilton's rural New England character by permitting development of residential housing in clusters and villages, in a manner which is in harmony with Hamilton's historic development patterns and is less demanding on its natural resources.
To effectuate this intent, a Senior Housing Special Permit may be granted for any lot(s) in the R-1a, R-1b, RA or B districts that meet the requirements of this by-law section and other applicable provisions of the zoning by-law.

2. Administration

The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for this Bylaw section. An Applicant may file an application with the Planning Board in conformance with M.G.L. Chapter 40A, (the Zoning Act) Sections 9 and 11, this Bylaw section, and Planning Board Rules and Regulations.

3. Planning Board Rules & Regulations

The Planning Board shall adopt and from time to time may amend Senior Housing Special Permit Rules and Regulations to implement this Bylaw section. Such regulations shall include but will not be limited to Submission Requirements, Plan Requirements, such as size, form, number and contents; Development Standards, Site Standards, and Standards for Building Placement and Design. Such rules and regulations are required and authorized under M.G.L. Ch. 40A, s. 9, and shall be adopted after proper notice, posting, public hearing and vote by the Planning Board.

4. Occupancy

Each unit in a senior housing development shall be owned and occupied by at least one person age fifty-five (55) or older. All other residents must be over the age of eighteen (18) years.

5. Limitations on Senior Housing Development

The following criteria shall apply:

A. A maximum of 150 senior dwelling units may be permitted town-wide under this Bylaw section.

B. The effective date of this Bylaw section shall be November 1, 2007. Applications may not be filed before this date.

C. Permitting Year Schedule:

1. The maximum number of dwelling units permitted per year shall be in accordance with the following schedule. This twelve month period shall be called the "Permitting Year".

November 1, 2007 – October 31, 2008	a maximum of 31 units
November 1, 2008 – October 31, 2009	a maximum of 50 units
November 1, 2009 – October 31, 2010	a maximum of 50 units
November 1, 2011 – October 31, 2012	a maximum of 50 units

2. Units shall be counted in the Permitting Year in which the special permit is granted, not the year in which the application was filed.

3. If fewer than the maximum number of dwelling units is permitted in a Permitting Year the balance, up to 25 units, shall be carried forward to the next Permitting Year, and added to the 50 unit maximum.

D. In the event that substantial use or construction of a Special Permit issued has not commenced within two years of approval (see Section 27.) and no extensions will be granted, the number of dwelling units shall be added back into the number of un permitted units, and available to be reallocated under Section 5.C.

E. Project Size Cap: After the first Permitting Year where 31 dwelling units maximum may be permitted, a maximum of 50 dwelling units per project shall be allowed. Lots may not be divided to avoid compliance with this Bylaw section. Accordingly, any proposal on a lot divided after May 7, 2007, shall be considered one project for the purpose of this 50 unit per project limit.

F. Once any Senior Housing project has been approved it cannot ever be further expanded.

6. Expiration of Bylaw

The Senior Housing Special Permit Bylaw shall expire on October 31, 2012. It may be extended by a vote of Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5. Any applications filed and/or under review by the Planning Board at that time will be exempt from this section.

7. Permitted Uses

A Senior Housing development may include the following uses:

A. Single-family detached dwellings
B. Townhouse dwellings
C. Multi-family buildings
D. Open space and conservation areas
E. Passive recreation
F. Agricultural, equestrian, and horticultural uses
G. Accessory uses, such as a tennis court, pool, community building, and other amenities, in the developed area
H. Recreational fields
I. In the Business District, a mixture of residential and business uses.

8. Developable Acres

"Developable Acres" is defined as the area of the tract of land, exclusive of the area of land lying in the Conservancy District and the area in wetlands subject to M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, as mapped by the Applicant's consultant and approved by the Hamilton Conservation Commission. In addition, land subject to a pre-existing Conservation Restriction, except for land area in a defined "building envelope", shall be excluded from the total acreage. This net land area shall constitute "Developable Acres".

9. Base Senior Housing Density

The Base Density per developable acre for a Senior Housing Special Permit shall be: four (4) dwelling units in the Business District; three (3) dwelling units in the R1-a District, two (2) dwelling units in the Rl-b District, and one (1) dwelling unit in the RA District.

10. Incentives to Increase Base Senior Housing Density

See the following matrix for incentives which may be utilized to increase the Base Senior Housing Density:

Senior Housing Density Matrix

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
			Incentives to Increase Base Senior Housing Density for:							
	Zoning District	Base Senior Housing Density (BSHD) per Dev. Acre	Mix of Smaller Units (50% units under 1300 sq. ft.)	On or Off Site Construction of Inclusionary Housing Obligation (Affordable Housing)	Smart Growth, per Comm. of Mass. criteria (see PB Rules & Regs)	Additional 25% of Property as Open Space	Voluntary Cap on Appreciation of Units	Subtotal of Base Senior Housing Density Incentives (C+D+E+F+G)	Incremental Density Per Developable Acre Rewardable by PB for Trails, Fields, Environmental, energy, water conservation & other public benefits	Maximum Density Per Dev. Acre
1	B	4	25%	25%	25%	N/A	25%	100%	1.0	6.00
2	R-1a	3	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	125%	1.0	4.00
3	R-1b	2	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	125%	1.0	4.00
4	RA	1	25%	25%	25%	50%	25%	150%	2.0	4.00

NOTES ON HOW TO READ THE MATRIX: The **Incentives to Increase Base Senior Housing Density** may be selected and utilized by an Applicant to increase the Base Senior Housing Density shown in Column B. The percentage shown in Columns C, D, E, F and G, and Column H would, if selected, increase the number of dwelling units per developable acre in Column B, up to the amount shown in Column J, Maximum Density per Developable Acre.

EXPLANATION OF COLUMNS:

Column A: The existing Zoning Districts in Hamilton.

Column B: The Base Senior Housing Density (BSHD) per Developable Acre. This is the base acreage that one may apply for in a Senior Housing Special Permit, without utilizing any of the Incentives in Columns C, D, E, F, G, and/or I.

Column C: Encourages the construction of smaller-sized dwelling units. For meeting this requirement, an

Applicant earns 25% more dwelling units than what is shown in Column B.
Column D: Encourages construction of affordable dwelling units. Section VI.G. of the Hamilton Zoning Bylaw, Inclusionary Housing, requires an affordable housing component for projects of 10 or more dwelling units. This column requires that the housing be constructed on-or off-site, rather than meeting Inclusionary Housing methods by other authorized methods. An Applicant earns 25% more dwelling units than what is shown on Column B if he fulfills this provision.
Column E: Encourages the utilization of "Smart Growth" or "Sustainable Development Principles", some of which are listed in part in Section 1, Purpose and Intent, of this Bylaw section. See Planning Board Rules and Regulations for Smart Growth Principles issued by Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office for Commonwealth Development. An Applicant who incorporates Smart Growth Principles into design of a plan earns 25% more dwelling units than what is shown in Column B.
Column F: Encourages the preservation of Open Space above what is required by the Bylaw section. If an additional 25% of the Open Space of a parcel is preserved, then an Applicant earns 25% more dwelling units than what is shown in Column B. See Sections 14 and 22 for Open Space requirements.
Column G: Encourages resale prices which will become more affordable for subsequent purchasers of the senior housing dwelling units due to a voluntary cap on the allowable rate of appreciation on sales in future years. A deed restriction, (also to be included in association documents), imposed by the Applicant, places a cap on appreciation of the resale price of dwelling units. An Applicant earns 25% more dwelling units than what is shown in Column B if he fulfills this provision.
Column H: Represents a sub-total of the incentives in Columns C-G.
Column I: Encourages other initiatives which provide a public benefit to the Town such as, but not limited to, preservation and enhancement of trails; creation of playing fields; environmental, energy, water conservation, green building design, and other public benefits. For one or a combination of these initiatives, an Applicant may earn one additional dwelling unit per developable acre in the Business, R1-a, and R1-b Districts, and up to two additional units per developable acre in the RA District.
Column J: Indicates the Maximum Density per Developable Acre which one may earn by using a variety of the incentives allowed. Incentives shall be allowed at the discretion of the Planning Board.

The final number shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.

11. Distance Between Projects

A. The Applicant is required to maintain a one-half (1/2) mile distance from any existing senior housing or Chapter 40B housing development, in order to minimize impact to the surrounding area. If the Applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Board that the impact on the neighborhood and surrounding area is minimal, this requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Planning Board
B. If a 40B housing proposal is filed and approved while an application for Senior Housing Special Permit has been filed and is under review by the Planning Board, that Senior Housing project shall be exempt from the distance requirement of this Bylaw section.
C. The distance between projects shall be measured from the closest property boundaries.
D. Senior Housing proposals in the Business District shall be exempt from this section, and a development in the Business District will not disqualify a proposal in the R1-a District which is less than one half (1/2) mile distance away.

12. General Requirements

A. General Compliance: A proposal must comply with all other applicable Town Bylaws, and the applicable rules, regulations, and requirements of all departments, boards, and commissions, including the special sensitivities of the Historic District and the Groundwater Protection Overlay District.
B. Extension or Alteration of Pre-Existing Non-Conforming Use: To the extent that such a finding is required, that approval shall be granted before applying for a Senior Housing Special Permit.

C. Inclusionary Housing: There shall be compliance with Sec. VI.G of this bylaw, Inclusionary Housing. The Town of Hamilton Local Preference Policy shall apply to affordable dwelling units created.
D. Local Preference: The Applicant is encouraged to provide a local preference program for fair market rate units, for an initial limited duration, for the purchase of dwellings by those eligible under the Local Preference Policy.
E. Low Impact Development: The use of low-impact development techniques is required, where applicable. The Applicant shall employ meaningful low impact techniques which will result in less impervious area, direction of roof runoff toward rain gardens and swales, and plantings indigenous to the area. The use of recycled or recaptured rainwater is encouraged. (A Low Impact Development Handbook and other references are available from the Planning Board Office.)
F. Minimizing Disturbance: The Applicant is encouraged to maintain as much of the site as possible in its natural state. The Applicant is urged to incorporate horticultural and landscape design that reduces the need for supplemental irrigation and chemical fertilization, e.g. minimizing lawn area.
G. Location of Wastewater Treatment: All wastewater shall be treated and discharged on-site. Off-site wastewater treatment is not allowed. An exception to this is for parcels located in the Business District, where wastewater treatment may be located off-site.
H. Paths and Trails: shall be connected, preserved, and increased when possible.
I. Further Subdivision: No lot on a plan for which a Special Permit is granted under this section may be subdivided so as to create additional building lots and a notation to that effect shall be shown on the plan.
J. Conversion to Apartments: Dwellings constructed by Special Permit under this section shall not be eligible for subsequent conversion to add apartments under Section V.11.e.1, Conversion for Temporary Living Area, or V.11.e.4, Accessory Apartment, of this Bylaw.
K. Reuse of Existing Buildings: Existing buildings and dwelling units may be reused and rehabilitated for the purposes of this Bylaw section, provided all standards and requirements are met.
L. Homeowners Association and/or Condominium Documents: The Planning Board shall require copies of such documents, and shall review them to ensure that the intent of the Bylaw section and the decision of the Planning Board are incorporated into the documents.

13. Exemptions
A proposal for a Senior Housing Special Permit shall be exempt from Section V.12, Open Space and Farmland Preservation Development, and Section VI.H., Site Plan Review.

14. Dimensional Standards
The following dimensional and other standards shall supersede all dimensional standards in the underlying zoning district and shall be applied to any Senior Housing development:

TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

A Zoning District	B Minimum Parcel Size (sq. ft.) to be eligible for development	C Min. Parcel Frontage Req'd. (feet) to be eligible for development	D Front Setback (feet) from perimeter property line	E Side & Rear Setbacks (feet) from perimeter property line	F Vegetated Buffer (feet) around perimeter of parcel	G Min. Open Space Req'd of total acreage	H Max. Lot Cover-Age of entire parcel
1 Business District	None	site specific	0	0 [1]	0 [1]	0	site specific
2 R-1a	40,000	125	25	25 [2]	20	0	25%
3 R-1b	80,000	175	25	25 [2]	20	15%	25%
4 RA	80,000	175	50	25 [2]	20	25%	25%

[1] The Planning Board shall require a setback and a vegetated buffer where the parcel abuts a residential zone.
[2] Minimum of twenty-five (25') feet or the height of the building, whichever is greater.

15. Building and Design Standards

In order to achieve a development that reflects the residential character of the neighborhood in which it is located, the following minimum building and design standards shall be applied to all structures constructed in a Senior Housing development:

A. No dwelling unit shall contain more than 2 bedrooms.
B. Buildings shall be designed to be consistent with the residential character of the Town and shall be complementary in exterior design with each other and, where applicable, with the existing neighborhood in which the development is located.
C. A mixture of small, medium, and large dwelling units is encouraged, in order to create a range of selling price levels, and to address the needs of various members of the population.
D. A minimum of twenty-five foot (25') separation between buildings shall be provided and shall be landscaped.
E. Accessory structures shall comply with all setback requirements and shall be designed with architectural detailing of similar nature to the principal buildings located thereon.
F. Other Building and Design Standards in applicable Planning Board Rules and Regulations shall apply.

16. Lighting

All lighting fixtures shall be integrated into the architectural style of the development. All exterior structural and site lighting (not including access road lighting) shall be localized and of full cut-off design, with light which shall be retained on site and shall not create a nuisance to abutting properties and streets. All exterior light sources shall be appropriately shielded from off-premise viewing. Access road lighting shall be designed to prevent nuisance to abutting properties by reason of light and glare.

17. Signs

The need for an identifying sign is very site dependent. Accordingly, the Planning Board shall determine if a sign is needed based on the size, location, and visibility of a project. If the Board determines that a sign is needed, one sign to identify the property, no greater than three square feet (3 s.f.) in size, and mounted on posts with total height of sign not more than four feet (4') above grade, shall be allowed at the intersection of the project's access road or driveway with the abutting public way. Signage may be illuminated with targeted lighting that minimizes light spill-over, but it shall not be backlit or internally illuminated.

18. Site Access, Roadway Design and Management

A. All structures located within a Senior Housing development shall be accessed by the proposed private access road. Direct access to any proposed structure from an existing public or private road shall be prohibited.
B. The Applicant for a proposed development deriving its access from a private road shall submit a legal opinion, acceptable to Town Counsel, establishing the right of access from the private road to the development as proposed.
C. All access roadways and associated infrastructure improvements shall be considered private, under the ownership of the property owner and/or a homeowners association established pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 183A, and shall not be owned or maintained by the Town of Hamilton.
D. Applicable Planning Board Rules and Regulations governing Roadway, Driveway, and Infrastructure Standards shall apply.
E. The Planning Board shall pay special attention to the suitability of the location of the site access road relative to abutting properties when evaluating the Special Permit.

19. Stormwater Management & Erosion Control

A. The peak rate of storm water runoff from a Senior Housing Development shall comply with Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Management Policy, and the provisions of a local Stormwater Management Bylaw.
B. General soil erosion of the proposed development site shall be minimized by integrating the development into the existing terrain and by reasonably retaining natural grades and soil cover. During grading and construction of all improvements, including all structures and infrastructure improvements, erosion of soil shall be minimized using best management practices.

20. Parking

A. All Senior Housing developments shall provide for adequate off-street parking which will protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents and guests.
B. A minimum of two off-street parking spaces shall be provided per unit. Each garage unit shall be counted as a parking space. Visitor Parking Spaces shall be provided at a rate of .2 per required parking spaces, and shall be clearly marked.
C. A minimum of two parking spaces shall be provided for postal delivery accessory structures, if provided.
D. In all parking areas, the use of low impact development techniques is required, as appropriate, in order to reduce impervious area and runoff.
E. No parking spaces or parking lots shall be located within the required minimum yard setback requirements for principal structures from access roads and property lines except as allowed by the following sentence: The parking of vehicles shall be allowed within driveway areas providing access to a principal structure, as long as the driveway is designed at a proper width for parking.
F. No parking areas, parking lots or access drives shall be located within the minimum twenty-five foot separation area between structures.

21. Setbacks and Landscape Buffers

A. Building setbacks shall remain vegetated and undisturbed to the extent possible in order to maintain the existing natural features. The Planning Board may require designated "No Cut Zones" in order to minimize disturbance and impacts to abutting properties. Buffering from the street and abutting properties in order to minimize visibility is desirable.

B. See Section 14 for the Vegetated Buffer requirement for each zone. A landscaped buffer shall be provided along the perimeter of the property. For said landscaped buffer, natural vegetation shall be supplemented with the planting of evergreen trees and shrubs. A Landscape Plan will be required.

22. Open Space and Natural Resources

A. See Section 14 for the minimum Open Space requirement for each zone, which shall be set aside as common open space. A Senior Housing development which includes an open space component must provide that land area is permanently protected, usable, common open space that is functional for purposes intended by this Bylaw section. The common open space shall have no structures, parking, private yards, patios, or gardens that are restricted for the exclusive or principal use by residents of individual dwelling units.

The following standards apply to the common open space in a Senior Housing development:

B. Ownership of the Common Open Space. Any common open space within a Senior Housing development shall be a. conveyed to the Town and accepted for park or open space use, b. and/or shall be conveyed to a non-profit organization, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space, c. and/or shall be conveyed to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of lots or residential units within the plan, as provided by M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 9. In any case where the common open space is not conveyed to the Town, a perpetual restriction enforceable by the Town or the Conservation Commission shall be recorded providing that such land shall be kept in an open or natural state and not be built for residential use or developed for accessory uses such as parking or roadway.

C. Use, Shape, Location of Common Open Space.

1) To the maximum extent feasible, the common open space shall be undisturbed, unaltered and left in its natural condition or existing condition. It shall be appropriate in size, shape, dimension, location, and character to assure its use as a conservation area, or where appropriate, a recreational area, and serve as a visual and natural amenity for the development and the Town.

2) The common open space shall be contiguous and linked as a unit, to the maximum extent possible.

3) Common open space shall be functional for wildlife habitat, passive recreation, resource preservation, agriculture, or equestrian uses.

4) The location(s) and configuration of the common open space shall be subject to approval by the Planning Board.

5) Each parcel of common open space shall be accessible to residents of the Senior Housing development.

6) Land used for common or shared septic systems and required reserve area may not be counted toward the minimum common open space requirement unless authorized by the Planning Board.

7) Not more than 50% of the common open space in a Senior Housing development shall consist of areas subject to the Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Ch.131, Section 40, for reasons other than being subject to flooding, or the Conservancy District as defined by Section V.C. of this Bylaw.

8) Existing utility easements may not be counted as common open space.

9) Up to five percent (5%) of the minimum required open space may be used for gravel roadways, pavement or structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of the common open space. Principal or accessory structures and access roads essential to an agricultural use are exempt from this requirement, except for indoor/covered riding rings.

23. Senior Housing Special Permit Application Process

A. For applications which do not contain an Open Space element, an application may be filed with the Planning Board, in conformity with applicable Planning Board Rules and Regulations and this Bylaw section.

B. If an application contains an Open Space element, then the requirements of Section V.A.12 of this Bylaw, Open Space and Farmland Preservation Development (OSFPD) Sections 5. Pre-Application Conference, and 7. OSFPD Special Permit Design Process, shall apply. Following the conclusion of this procedure, an application may be filed as in Subsection E. below.

In either case,

C. If a Definitive Subdivision is proposed, a Definitive Subdivision Plan shall be filed in conformity with M.G.L. Chapter 41, Sections 81A-81GG, and the Town of Hamilton Subdivision Regulations, along with an Application for a Senior Housing Special Permit. To the extent possible, hearings will be held concurrently.

D. If a Definitive Subdivision is not proposed, an application shall be filed which includes a Senior Housing Design Plan, which shall conform to Planning Board regulations. A Senior Housing Design Plan shall be considered neither a subdivision plan under the Subdivision Control Law nor a site plan subject to the provisions of Section VI.H, Site Plan Review, of this Bylaw. Such plan shall comply with applicable Stormwater Management regulations.

E. Application Process:

1. The Applicant shall furnish a copy of the application to the Town Clerk, which shall be time stamped as the official submittal.
2. The Applicant shall furnish sufficient copies of the Special Permit Application to the Planning Board to distribute for review to the Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Building Inspector, Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee, Department of Public Works, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Historic District Commission, Office on Disability, and Zoning Board of Appeals. The size, quantity, form, and content of plans shall comply with Planning Board Rules and Regulations.
3. Reports from the above-named boards and officials are not mandatory, and if officials wish to comment, reports shall be submitted to the Planning Board within thirty (30) days of receipt by the reviewing party. In the event that the public hearing by the Planning Board is held prior to the expiration of the 30-day period, the Planning Board shall continue the public hearing to permit the formal submission of reports and recommendations within that 30-day period
4. Planning Board members shall conduct a site visit with the applicant prior to or during the public hearing.
5. A Senior Housing Special Permit may be issued only following a public hearing held within 65 days after filing an application with the Planning Board.
6. The Planning Board shall conduct a hearing and render a decision in conformity with M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Sections 9 and 11, and applicable rules and regulations.

F. Once a Senior Housing Special Permit application has been submitted, no tree removal, no utility installation, no ditching, grading or construction of roads, no grading of land or lots, no excavation, except for purposes of soil testing, no dredging or filling and no construction of buildings or structures shall be done on any part of the site until the application has been reviewed and decided as provided by this Bylaw section.

24. Conditions of Approval
The Planning Board may impose conditions, safeguards, requirements, and other standards as part of its approval.

25. Employment of Outside Consultants
The Planning Board may employ outside consultants, at the Applicant's expense, under the terms of M.G.L. Ch. 44 Section 53G, and Planning Board Rules and Regulations Governing Special Permits, to assist in its permit decision, including but not limited to plan review, drainage and Stormwater analysis; to determine conformance with this Bylaw section and other requirements; and for construction inspection, etc.

26. Planning Board Findings
In making its decision the Planning Board must make written findings on the following mandatory standards requiring that the proposed use, buildings and structures for a Senior Housing development will:

A. Be compatible with adjacent land uses and with the character of the neighborhood in which it is located.
B. Mitigate impact to abutting land and natural resources by reason of air or water pollution, noise, dust, vibration, or Stormwater runoff.
C. Provide safe and convenient access to the site from existing or proposed roads, and to proposed structures thereon, with particular reference to pedestrian and vehicular safety, traffic flow and control, and access in case of fire or emergency.
D. Provide for adequate capacity for public services, facilities, and utilities to service the proposed development such as water pressure and sewer capacity.
E. Provide for visual and noise buffering of the development to minimize impact to abutting properties.
F. Provide for the perpetual preservation and maintenance of open space and recreation areas.
G. Demonstrate compliance with the intent of Open Space and Farmland Preservation Development, Section. V.A.12.7. OSFPD Special Permit Design Process, in order to encourage cluster development.

27. Duration of Special Permit
A Senior Housing Special Permit is granted for a period of two years from the date of its approval and shall lapse if substantial use or construction has not commenced by such date, except for good cause shown.

28. Annual Reporting
The organization of homeowners established for the management of the development, or if none, the owners individually, shall annually file a written report with the Building Inspector listing the resident of each occupied unit. The format for the annual report shall be obtained from the Building Inspector Said annual report shall include the names and ages of the owners and each person residing in each unit as of January 1st of each year, and any other information necessary to ensure compliance with and enforce any required conditions of special permit. The annual report shall be filed with the Building Inspector January 15th of each year.

ARTICLE 3-2 **Amendments in Conformity with Senior Housing By-law**

Moved by Marc Johnson, Chairman of the Planning Board, duly seconded, that the Town take **NO ACTION** on this article.

Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
To Take NO ACTION

APPENDIX H

AMENDMENTS IN CONFORMITY WITH SENIOR HOUSING SPECIAL PERMIT BY-LAW

1. Delete the following line from **Section II., ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS**, Section A:

   "EH Elder Housing Special District Sec. V-E"

   and,

2. Delete the following paragraph:

   "The EH District is not shown on the Zoning Map, but shall be located on a case by case basis by 2/3 vote of Town Meeting, as set forth in M.G.L., Ch 40A. Sec. 5, following approval of a specific Elder Housing proposal under Sec. V.E. and Sec. VII of this By-law."

3. Amend **SECTION VII. DEFINITIONS**, to delete the definition of Elder Housing.

ARTICLE 3-3 **Amendment to Accessory Apartment Zoning By-law**

Moved by Beth Ganister, Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, duly seconded, that the Town Amend the Zoning By-law, Section V. A. 11. (e) 4., Accessory Apartment by adopting the language set forth in **Appendix I** to the 2007 Warrant Book.

Beth Ganister explained this is a housekeeping item. They need to fix some language problems in a previously passed by-law.

Moderator called for the vote which requires a 2/3 rds majority.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
Approved by the Attorney General – July 10, 2007

APPENDIX I

AMENDMENTS TO ACCESSORY APARTMENT
Zoning By-law

Amendments to Section V.A.11. (e).4, Accessory Apartments, to make minor revisions as requested by the Zoning Board of Appeals. The amended By-law will then read as in the following excerpt: (added language in italics):

4. Accessory Apartment

1. Purposes. The purposes of the Accessory Apartment By-law are to provide for a variety of housing choices in Hamilton, and to encourage a more efficient use of existing buildings without substantially altering the appearance and character of residential neighborhoods or the Town.

2. Procedures. Application for a special permit may be made to the Board of Appeals under M.G.L. c.40A Section 9 and Section IX.D of this By-law. The Board of Appeals may grant a special permit for an accessory apartment provided the following conditions are met.

a. A plot plan and scaled architectural drawings of the existing dwelling unit, proposed accessory apartment, and proposed addition (if any) shall be submitted, showing location of the building on the lot, location of septic system, and parking.

b. The accessory apartment shall be located within a single-family dwelling or in an accessory structure on the same lot, such as an attached garage or a detached garage or barn, and shall clearly be a subordinate part of the building.

c. The single-family dwelling on the lot is at least ten years old at the time of the accessory apartment special permit application. ~~and no additions or alterations that would have created additional living space were constructed in the single-family dwelling or the accessory structure, as applicable, within three years of the date of application for special permit hereunder.~~

d. The accessory apartment shall not exceed 900 square feet of gross floor area

e. The applicant shall be an owner-occupant of the premises, and shall remain an occupant of either the principal single-family dwelling or the accessory apartment.

f. Not more than one accessory apartment shall be permitted on a lot.

g. The maximum number of bedrooms shall be one.

h. To the maximum extent practical, the accessory apartment shall be designed so that the exterior appearance of the building remains unchanged. Any building addition ~~or alteration~~ for accessory apartment space shall not exceed 15% of the Gross Floor Area existing in the single-family dwelling or accessory structure, as applicable, at the time of the application. Unless otherwise required by the Massachusetts State Building Code, any new exterior stairs needed to provide primary or secondary means of egress for the accessory dwelling shall be located on the side or rear of the building, and shall be enclosed.

i. There shall be at least one additional off-street parking space to serve the accessory apartment. ~~with access to the driveway serving the single-family dwelling.~~

Note: There are no amendments after section i above.

ARTICLE 3-4 **Amend Special Permit Requirement Zoning By-law**

Moved by Beth Ganister, Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals duly seconded, that the Town Amend the Zoning By-law, Section V. A. 11. (d) by adopting the language set forth in **Appendix J** to the 2007 Warrant Book.

Ms. Ganister explained this is another housekeeping item needed to bring the by-law into compliance with Massachusetts State law.

Moderator reminded residents this motion also requires a 2/3 rds vote and called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
2/3rd MAJORITY DECLARED BY MODERATOR

Approved by the Attorney General – July 10, 2007

APPENDIX J

AMEND SPECIAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS
Zoning By-law, Section V. A. 11.

Current Language:

11. Subject to a Special Permit by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section IX – D below, the following:

a. This section was deleted by Town Meeting vote May 8, 1995.
b. Hospital, Clinic, sanitarium, nursing home, cemetery, and camps of educational and charitable institutions in accordance with Site Plan Review; see Section VI.H.
c. Community or private club, not conducted for profit. This use requires Site Plan Review; see section VI.H.
d. The raising or keeping of poultry, horses, or cows, for other than the use of the occupants of the residence; maintenance of dog kennels or riding stables;

Proposed language:

11. Subject to a Special Permit by the Board of Appeals as provided in Section IX – D below, the following:

a. This section was deleted by Town Meeting vote May 8, 1995.
b. Hospital, Clinic, sanitarium, nursing home, cemetery, and camps of educational and charitable institutions in accordance with Site Plan Review; see Section VI.H.
c. Community or private club, not conducted for profit. This use requires Site Plan Review; see section VI.H.
d. For properties under five acres in size, the raising or keeping of poultry, horses, or cows, for other than the use of the occupants of the residence, or riding stables; and for any size property, for any maintenance of dog kennels;

ARTICLE 4-1 **Right to Farm Town By-law**

Moved by Peter Britton, Chair, Agricultural Committee, duly seconded, that the Town amend the Town General By-laws, by adding a new Ch. XXVIII "Right to Farm By-law" as shown in **Appendix K** to the 2007 Warrant Book.

Mr. Britton explained the Right to Farm by-law accompanies the creation of the Agricultural Commission, which was done during the 2006 Annual Town Meeting. This by-law addresses the concerns people have when they move into a community like Hamilton and don't understand what comes along with agriculture. He said this by-law is essentially the same as the one by the state, except that they have amended it to include the equestrian industry in Hamilton. He feels the main purpose of the Commission and the by-law is to help resolve disputes among neighbors.

Jennifer Scuteri of 171 Essex Street wanted more information on the expanded definition of farming and whether people who keep horses will be able to pay lower tax rate as a result.

Mr. Britton explained there is nothing in the Right to Farm By-law that changes anything in the legal structure in the Town.

Ms. Scuteri continued to press the issue and wanted to know if these people would be relieved of paying taxes.

Margo Koloran of 51 Sagamore Farm Road addressed the issue more specially and explained the only way to get a reduced tax rate as a farm is to apply for it through the Assessor's office. This by-law just brings Hamilton in compliance with the state to define what a farm is.

With no further questions the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

Approved by the Attorney General – July 10, 2007

APPENDIX K

RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW
General By-Law XXVIII

Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The Purpose and Intent of this By-Law is to state with emphasis that farm preservation occurs under the right to farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97 of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Hamilton restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This General By-Law encourages the pursuit of Agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Hamilton by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-Law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

Section 2 Definitions

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose

of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.
The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- Dairying;
- Production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aqua cultural, floricultural, viticultural, horticultural commodities; composting;
- Growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- Raising of livestock including horses;
- Keeping of horses and;
- Keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purpose, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

By way of example and not limitation "farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- Operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- Control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators, and disease organism of plants and animals;
- Application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- Conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agriculture output or services of the farm;
- Processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmers market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- Maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- On-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3 Right To Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Hamilton. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of the Right to Farm By-Law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agriculture and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm By-Law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any new land use regulation, but neither does it supersede or overrule any other requirements or restrictions on the use of land for the purposes covered hereby, whether by state, regulation or local by-law.

Section 4 Disclosure Notification

The Agricultural Commission will provide to local realtors and make available at Town Hall in the Town Clerk's Office the disclosure notification below. The Town encourages sellers of property to make this information available to buyers.

"It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors.

Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances."

The notification language required by this Section shall be included in the Town's Annual Report in the Report of the Agricultural Commission. In addition to the above, the notification language required by this Section shall be posted in Town Hall with a current list of active agricultural sites provided by the owners/operators of these sites. Owner/operators who wish to notice their activities for the upcoming year will submit their names and a description of their operations to the Town Clerk on a form available at the Town Clerk's Office by November 1 of each year.

Section 5 Resolution of Disputes
To enhance the prompt resolution of disputes that may arise between those engaged in the agricultural uses protected under this Bylaw and those who claim that the use or enjoyment of their properties is adversely affected by such uses, the following dispute resolution procedure is established as a means by which owners and tenants may attempt to resolve the dispute in a prompt, effective, and amicable manner.

Any owner or tenant who wishes to complain that farming or a farming activity is adversely affecting the use or enjoyment of the owner's or tenant's real property may file a grievance with the Board of Selectmen, The Zoning Enforcement Officer, the Board of Health, or the Conservation Commission, depending upon the nature of the grievance. Such Board, Commission, or official may forward the grievance to such other Board, Commission, or official whose jurisdiction may be more appropriate to address the grievance. A Board, Commission, or official may refer the grievance to the Agricultural Commission, which shall then undertake such efforts as it deems reasonable and appropriate to facilitate an agreement to resolve the grievance. The Agricultural Commission shall file a report with the referring Board, Commission, or official within 30 days after receipt of the referral, unless the referring Board, Commission, or official establishes a different deadline or the parties to the dispute agree to a different deadline. Nothing herein shall impair or limit any other remedy available to an aggrieved party, suspend the time within which any such remedy must be pursued, or impair or limit the authority of the Board of Health or any other government body or official to respond to cases of imminent danger or public health risk.

Section 6 Severability Clause
If any part of this Bylaw is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this Bylaw. The Town of Hamilton hereby declares the provisions of this Bylaw to be severable.

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SECTION 4: TOWN BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 4-2 Quorum Requirements Town By-law
Moved by Bob Bullivant, Chair, Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that the Town amend the Town General By-laws, Ch. I, , Sec. 3 "Quorum", to decrease from 150 to 75 the minimum number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at the Annual Town Meeting and at all other Regular and Special Town Meetings.

Mr. Bullivant explained it has become clear during his term as Selectmen all of the Town business can't be completed at the Spring Town Meeting. Because of this there will be a Fall Town Meeting each October. It has also become clear it is difficult for the Town to meet the quorum requirement each year. He said the Selectmen feel in fairness to those who work on and attend these meetings the quorum requirement should be lowered so that the meetings will be able to go forward.

Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: UNDECIDED

Moderator called for a card vote.

CARD VOTE: UNDECIDED

Moderator called for a counted card vote and asked residents to stand.

COUNTED CARD VOTE: MOTION PASSES
YES 107
NO 85

Approved by the Attorney General – July 10, 2007
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ARTICLE 4-3 Criminal and Non criminal Disposition Town By-law
Moved by Bill Bowler, Member, Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that the Town amend the Town General By-laws, by deleting Chapter VII, Section 5 and Chapter XIII "Penalties For Violation" and substituting as the new Chapter XIII the language set forth in Appendix L to the 2007 Warrant Book.

Mr. Bowler explained the current by-law only allows for criminal fines for violations. The attorney general has requested the by-law have a civil option. He said the Board expects to bring a similar change for the zoning by-law in the fall.

With no comments from residents the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Approved by the Attorney General – July 10, 2007
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APPENDIX L

CRIMINAL AND NON-CRIMINAL DISPOSITION
General By-law

Chapter XIII
Penalties for Violation

Current Language:
Violations of these by-laws shall be prosecuted by the Chief of Police of the Town on his own initiative or on the order of the Selectmen. Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of these by-laws shall be subject to a fine for each offense in such sum as may be authorized by law.

Proposed language:
Section 1: Criminal Complaint
Whoever violates any provision of these by-laws may be penalized by indictment or on complaint brought in the district court. Except as may be otherwise provided by law and as the district court may see fit to impose, the maximum penalty for each violation or offense brought in such manner shall be three hundred dollars ($300.00).
Section 2: Non-criminal Disposition

Whoever violates any provision of these by-laws may alternatively be subject to enforcement action by a non-criminal disposition as provided in M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 21D. The non-criminal method of disposition may also be used for violations of any rule or regulation of any municipal officer, board or department.

In addition to police officers, who shall in all cases be considered enforcing persons for the purpose of this provision, a municipal official or board identified as an enforcing person in any specific by-law shall also be enforcing person with regard to this section. Each day on which any violation exists shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

Section 3: Penalties Enumerated
In the absence of a specific schedule of penalties as provided for in a specific by-law, all violations to be enforced by the procedures of M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 21D shall be subject to the following penalty:

General Schedule of Non-criminal Penalties:

First Offense – Fifty Dollars ($50.00)
Second Offense - One Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($150.00)
Third and Each Succeeding Offense - Three Hundred Dollars ($300.00)

ARTICLE 4-4 **Winter Parking Ban**
Moved by Dick Low, Member, Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that Town take **NO ACTION** on this article.

The selectmen feel the parking ban should be driven by winter storm events and not be an across the board ban throughout the entire winter. They have a little more work to do on getting the language correct and would like to propose it in the fall.

Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES TO TAKE NO ACTION

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ARTICLE 5-1 **Bridle Path Easement** - ***Requires 2/3 rds Vote***
Moved by Susanna McLaughlin, duly seconded, that the town authorize the grant of an easement for a bridle path across Town land off of Bridge Street, on such terms as may be acceptable to the Selectmen, as set forth in a plan on file in the Town Clerk's Office and in Appendix M to the 2007 Warrant Book.

The purpose of this is to formalize accept a brindle path that has already been used for many years near Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary.

With no questions on the motion, the Moderator called for the vote. He reminded residents that because an easement is a transfer in land it requires a 2/3 rd vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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ARTICLE 5-2 **Mullin Rule**

Moved by Bill Bowler, Member of the Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that the Town accept the provisions of M.G.L. c.39, section 23D for all boards, committees or commissions holding adjudicatory hearings which provides that a member of a board, committee or commission, holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member's absence from one session of such hearing so long as the conditions set forth in the statute are met.

Mr. Bowler explained that when boards have meetings, if a member misses a meeting relating to a topic they cannot vote on it. If adopted, boards will be able to decide if they would like to allow members to miss up to one meeting provided the member learns of what has happened during that meeting.

With no discussion, the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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APPENDIX N

"MULLIN RULE"
M.G.L. c.39, Section 23D
Adjudicatory Hearing – Absent Member
Enacted as Chapter 79, Acts of 2006, effective August 10, 2006

(a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon municipal acceptance of this section for 1 or more types of adjudicatory hearings, a member of any municipal board, committee or commission when holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to that member's absence from no more than a single session of the hearing at which testimony or other evidence is received. Before any such vote, the member shall certify in writing that he has examined all evidence received at the missed session, which evidence shall include an audio or video recording of the missed session or a transcript thereof. The written certification shall be part of the record of the hearing. Nothing in this section shall change, replace, negate or otherwise supersede applicable quorum requirements.

(b) By ordinance or by-law, a city or town may adopt minimum additional requirements for attendance at scheduled board, committee, and commission hearings under this section."

ARTICLE 5-3 **Town Hall Preservation Restriction - Requires 2/3rd Vote**

Moved by Bob Bullivant, Chairmen, Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute on the Town's behalf a Massachusetts Historic Commission Preservation Restriction Agreement with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on terms consistent with the proposed restriction appearing as **Appendix O** to the 2007 Warrant Book in which the Town grants certain perpetual preservation restrictions on the Town Hall property to the Commonwealth under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 184, Sections 31-33.

Mr. Bullivant explained this motion would allow Hamilton to qualify for grant money. Up to $100,000 is available each time. At this time, the windows of Town Hall need to be replaced. He said new windows that will maintain the colonial look of Town Hall and are more energy efficient can be purchased. This authorizes the Selectmen to become loan eligible for these types of loans from the Massachusetts Historic Commission.

Moderator called for the vote and reminded residents that because it involves a land restriction it requires a 2/3 vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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APPENDIX O

PRESERVATION RESTRICTION AGREEMENT
between the COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
by and through the MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
and the
TOWN OF HAMILTON

The parties to this Agreement are the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by and through the Massachusetts Historical Commission located at the Massachusetts Archives Building, 220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125, hereinafter referred to as the Commission and the TOWN of Hamilton, 577 Bay Road, Hamilton, MA 01982, hereinafter referred to as the Grantor.

WHEREAS, the Grantor is the owner in fee simple of certain real property with improvements known as HAMILTON TOWN HALL, thereon as described in a deed dated _____, from _____ to _____, recorded with the _____ Registry of Deeds, Book _____, Page _____, and which is located at 577 Bay Road, Hamilton, MA 01982, hereinafter referred to as the Premises. The Premises is also shown in **Exhibit A** attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREAS, the Grantor wishes to impose certain restrictions, obligations and duties upon it as the owner of the Premises and on the successors to its right, title and interest therein, with respect to maintenance, protection, and preservation of the Premises in order to protect the architectural, archaeological and historical integrity thereof; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of the Premises is important to the public for the enjoyment and appreciation of its architectural, archaeological and historical heritage and will serve the public interest in a manner consistent with the purposes of M.G.L. chapter 184, section 32, hereinafter referred to as the Act; and WHEREAS, the Commission is a government body organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is authorized to accept these preservation restrictions under the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the Grantor conveys to the Commission the following preservation restrictions, which shall apply in Perpetuity to the Premises.
These preservation restrictions are set forth so as to ensure the preservation of those characteristics which contribute to the architectural, archaeological and historical integrity of the Premises which have been listed in the National and/or State Registers of Historic Places, under applicable state and federal legislation. Characteristics which contribute to the architectural, archaeological and historical integrity of the Premises include, but are not limited to, the artifacts, features, materials, appearance, and workmanship of the Premises, including those characteristics which originally qualified the Premises for listing in the National and/or State Registers of Historic Places.

The terms of the Preservation Restriction are as follows:

I. Maintenance of Premises: The Grantor agrees to assume the total cost of continued maintenance, repair and administration of the Premises so as to preserve the characteristics which contribute to the architectural, archaeological and historical integrity of the Premises in a manner satisfactory to the Commission according to the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties." The Grantor may seek financial assistance from any source available to it. The Commission does not assume any obligation for maintaining, repairing or administering the Premises.

2. Inspection: The Grantor agrees that the Commission may inspect the Premises from time to time upon reasonable notice to determine whether the Grantor is in compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

3. Alterations: The Grantor agrees that no alterations shall be made to the Premises, including the alteration of any interior, unless (a) clearly of minor nature and not affecting the characteristics which contribute to the architectural, archaeological or historical integrity of the Premises, or (b) the Commission has previously determined that it will not impair such characteristics after reviewing plans and specifications submitted by the Grantor, or (c) required by casualty or other emergency promptly reported to the Commission. Ordinary maintenance and repair of the Premises may be made without the written permission of the Commission. For purposes of this section, interpretation of what constitutes alterations of a minor nature and ordinary maintenance and repair is governed by the Restriction Guidelines which are attached to this Agreement and hereby incorporated by reference.

4. Notice and Approval: Whenever approval by the Commission is required under this restriction, Grantor shall request specific approval by the Commission not less than (30) days prior to the date Grantor intends to undertake the activity in question. A request for such approval by the grantor shall be reasonably sufficient as a basis for the Commission to approve or disapprove the request. The notice shall describe the nature, scope, design, location, timetable and any other material aspect of the proposed activity in sufficient detail to permit it the Commission to make an informed judgment as to its consistency with the purposes of this Preservation Restriction. Within (30) days of receipt of Grantor's reasonably sufficient request for said approval, the Commission shall, in writing, grant or withhold its approval, or request additional information relevant to the request and necessary to provide a basis for its decision. However, should the Commission determine that additional time is necessary in order to make its decision the Commission shall notify the Grantor. The Commission's approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, and shall be granted upon a reasonable showing that the proposed activity shall not materially impair the purpose of this Preservation Restriction. Failure of the Commission to make a decision within sixty (60) days from the date on which the request is accepted by the Commission or notice of a time extension is received by the Grantor shall be deemed to constitute approval of the request as submitted, so long as the request sets forth the provisions of this section relating to deemed approval after the passage of time.

5. Assignment: The Commission may assign this Agreement to another governmental body or to any charitable corporation or trust among the purposes of which is the maintenance and preservation of historic properties only in the event that the Commission should cease to function in its present capacity.

6. Validity and Severability: The invalidity of M.G.L. c. 184 or any part thereof shall not affect the validity and enforceability of this Agreement according to its terms. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

7. Recording: The Grantor agrees to record this Agreement with the appropriate Registry of Deeds and file a copy of such recorded instrument with the Commission.

8. Other Provisions: None applicable.

The burden of these restrictions enumerated in paragraphs 1 through 8, inclusive, shall run with the land and is binding upon future owners of an interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seal this _____day of _____, 2007.

(name of grantor)

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

_____ ss.

On this ____ day of _____, 2007, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared _____, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was (a current driver's license) (a current U.S. passport) (my personal knowledge of the identity of the principal), to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he signed it voluntarily for its stated purposes.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires _____

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ARTICLE 5-4 **Tax Deferrals for Military Personnel**

Moved by Dick Low, Member, Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that the Town accept G.L. c. 59, sec. 5L providing deferral of property tax payment until 180 days after the end of out-of-state military service for Massachusetts National Guardsmen and Reservists or their dependents, pursuant to the terms of said law.

This allows for property tax deferrals for active duty service members serving overseas. The selectmen feel it provides a further way to support our military personal and their families while they are deployed.

With no discussion on the matter, the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

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SECTION 6: CLOSING FINANCIAL ACTIONS

ARTICLE 6-1 **Free Cash Application**

Moved by Art Oberheim, Chair, Finance and Advisory Committee, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate and authorize the Assessors to use $236,860 of available certified free cash to reduce the tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007.

Mr. Oberheim explained this is an annual event to reduce the tax rate for the next fiscal year.

Betsy Stoll of 48 Grant Avenue asked why this is done because she thinks it does not make sense.

Mr. Oberheim explained this does not affect the assessment of homes. Basically it is revenue to offset expenses and fund the budget each year.

With no further questions or comments the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

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ADJOURNMENT: At 10:29 p.m. Moderator Bruce Ramsey recessed Annual Town Meeting until May 17, 2007 at 7 o'clock a.m. at the Winthrop School.

A TRUE COPY: ATTEST:

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Jane M. Wetson, Town Clerk

TOWN OF HAMILTON
Annual Town Election
Held
Thursday, May 17, 2007
At
Winthrop School, Hamilton, MA

The polls were opened at 7:00 AM by Moderator Bruce Ramsey.

At the close of Voter Registration on April 17, 2007 there were 5,467 registered voters.

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	TOTAL
Democrat	378	345	197	920
Green Party USA	0	0	1	1
Green-Rainbow	2	1	2	5
Inter. 3rd Party	4	4	1	9
Libertarian	8	3	5	16
Reform	1	0	0	1
Republican	374	430	570	1374
Unenrolled	1263	1049	829	3141
Totals	2030	1832	1605	5467

There were **1,854** ballots cast as follows:

Precinct 1 -- 683
Precinct 2 -- 674
Precinct 3 -- 497

Moderator	**1 year**	**Precinct 1**	**Precinct 2**	**Precinct 3**	**TOTAL**
Blanks		132	130	86	348
Bruce C. Ramsey		**549**	**541**	**409**	**1499**
Write-ins		2	3	2	7
Selectman	**3 years**				
Blanks		48	37	32	117
David S. Carey		**367**	**423**	**324**	**1114**
John L. Hamilton		268	211	139	618
Write-ins		0	3	2	5
Board of Assessors	**3years**				
Blanks		153	181	136	470
Gelean M. Campbell		**528**	**493**	**359**	**1380**
Write-ins		2	0	2	4
Planning Board	**5 years**				
Blanks		208	186	131	525
Peter B. Clark		**468**	**483**	**364**	**1315**
Write-ins		7	5	2	14
Housing Authority	**5 years**				
Blanks		176	182	127	485
Robert W. Poole		**505**	**489**	**366**	**1360**
Write-ins		2	3	4	9
H-W Library Trustee	**3 yr**				
Blanks		128	149	117	394
Madelyn C. Liberti		**421**	**357**	**279**	**1057**
Virginia M. Cookson		133	168	100	401
Write-ins		1	0	1	2
Regional School Committee	***Vote for 3- 3 years***				
Blanks		878	762	488	2128
Denise A. Bisaillon		**375**	**412**	**320**	**1107**
Donald E. Gallant		**403**	**416**	**329**	**1148**
Lisa S. Gaquin		**383**	**418**	**341**	**1142**
Write-ins		10	14	13	37

H-W School Committee	**TOTALS**	**Hamilton**	**Wenham**	**TOTAL**
Blanks		2128	237	2365
Denise A. Bissaillon		1107	266	1373
Donald E. Gallant		1148	257	1405
Lisa S. Gaquin		1142	263	1405

Write-ins	37	3	40

Question 1: Town Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (g)
"Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $ 121,582 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town's net operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	TOTAL
Blanks	15	5	11	31
YES	**335**	**362**	**276**	**973**
NO	333	307	210	850

Question 2: School Operating Levy Limit Override, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (g)
"Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $340,121in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding Hamilton's apportioned share of the net operating cost of the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	TOTAL
Blanks	5	3	4	12
YES	**329**	**411**	**320**	**1060**
NO	349	260	173	782

Question 3: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (i ½)
"Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $28,500 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the purchase of a Police Department cruiser and related equipment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	TOTAL
Blanks	14	5	8	27
YES	333	310	224	867
NO	**336**	**359**	**265**	**960**

Question 4: Capital Expenditure Exclusion, G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 21C (i ½)
"Shall the Town of Hamilton be allowed to assess an additional $54,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the purchase of two Department of Public Works pick-up trucks for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007?"

	Precinct 1	Precinct 2	Precinct 3	TOTAL
Blanks	15	7	8	30
YES	310	291	238	839
NO	**358**	**376**	**251**	**985**

Polls closed at 8:00 PM. Results were announced by Moderator Bruce Ramsey at 9:30 PM.

A TRUE COPY: ATTEST:

Jane M. Wetson, Town Clerk

TOWN OF HAMILTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Held
Monday, October 22, 2007
At
Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School

At the close of registration on October 12, 2007 there were 5,542 registered voters within the town of 8,362 residents.

Precinct 1 - 2,049
Precinct 2 - 1,839
Precinct 3 - 1,654

Moderator declared a quorum present (75) and the Warrant returned showing it had been properly served, opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:30 P.M. with 223 registered voters checked and present, this Special Town Meeting, constituting the regular fall Town Meeting of the Town of Hamilton is now open.

Precinct 1 - 83
Precinct 2 - 69
Precinct 3 - 71

Moderator appointed the Deputy Moderator who was duly sworn.

Robert Poole --56B Moynihan Road

Tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn.

Joe Hughes -- 7 Donald Road
Nicole Jacques Hughes -- 7 Donald Road
Laurie Gauthier -- 81 Lake Drive
Arthur Crosbie -- 215 Linden Street
Richard Flynn -- 183 Linden Street

Flag Salute – Pledge of Allegiance

I have asked non-resident Town officials and those assisting the Selectmen or Finance Committee to be present here so they may be available to answer questions. Members of the press [and the video crew] have also been allowed to be present. I remind those allowed here to do nothing which may influence the counting of a vote.

All other non-registered visitors must be seated in the visitors area located in the left rear section of the auditorium.

Another procedural note, we record these proceedings so as to have an accurate record of the meeting and to help everybody know who is speaking and hear what is said. Therefore please use the microphones provided and, unless I recognize you by name, please give your name and address when you address the Moderator.

At this time I recognize William Bowler, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Thank you Mr. Moderator, before we begin I would like to recognize one town official who is here for the last time. As most of you know, Steve Kenney has been our Director of Public Works for 11 years and has

taken a new position as the Director of Public Works for the Town of Manchester. It is a little like Johnny Damon signing with the Yankees.
Steve has done a wonderful job for the town for 11 years and it was a very difficult decision for him to make both professionally and personally. He has bent over backwards to help us with the transition and he will continue to help. Please join me in thanking Steve for his 11 years of service. Steve received a standing ovation.

Announcements or other:

The Moderator states that he has appointed Robert Poole, Town Constable to be the Deputy Moderator and to coordinate the Tellers during the counting of votes.

Under our Town By-Laws the conduct of all town meetings are governed by town meeting time and all Articles of the Warrant for the meeting shall be taken in the order of their arrangement unless otherwise decided by a 2/3 rds vote.

The Moderator will read or summarize the Article on the Warrant and then recognize its town official or other person to make a motion on the Article for the meeting to consider it. Assuming the motion is seconded I will then recognize the person who has made the motion to tell us briefly why the motion is before the meeting and what it is intended to accomplish. I will then open the floor for questions, discussion and debate.

Speakers, if you want to ask a question or be heard on a motion please proceed to one of the microphones at the front of the isles. While we will try to accommodate everybody, if you do not move quickly, your window of opportunity may get closed.

The Moderator reiterates the importance of anyone speaking to state their name and address for the meeting notes.

When an Article has been acted upon it requires a 2/3 vote under Town By-Law and after we have taken up the new Article, the Moderator will not be inclined to entertain any motion for reconsideration of an earlier Article before all remaining Articles have been taken on by the meeting.

Materials are not to be handed out or distributed in the auditorium. There is a table in the lobby for informational materials.

The Moderator thanks the students at the Hamilton-Wenham High School for their work in producing the televised meeting under the direction of Mr. Shailor and Mr. Melville.

The Moderator asks those in attendance to turn off the audio on all cell phones and other devices and asks that anyone who must take a call leave the auditorium before taking or returning the call.

The Moderator states that if they are unable to complete action on the Warrant tonight this Town Meeting will be recessed until Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the same location or until such further time as they are able to get a quorum.

The Moderator introduces those in attendance at the front of the auditorium:

Moderator:	Bruce Ramsey
Town Clerk:	Jane Wetson

At the front table:

Town Counsel:	Donna McKenna
Town Administrator:	Candace Wheeler
Selectman:	David Carey
	Richard Low
	William Bowler, Chairman
Asst. Town Administrator:	Allison Jenkins
Finance Committee:	Sandy Shaw
	Dan Bukkhegyi
	Jane Prince
	Arthur Oberheim

as well as other town officials who are in the audience.

Procedural Motions:
Moderator: I am advised by the Board of Selectmen that they want one article to be taken up later than its location in the Warrant. Under our Town By-Laws, such action requires a town meeting vote.

I recognize Bill Bowler, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Moved by William Bowler, duly seconded, that Article 2007/10-1-3 not be taken up until Article 2007/10-2-5 has been considered and disposed of by this Town Meeting.

Moderator: Under our Town By-Laws, this motion requires a 2/3 rds vote. The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
Declared by the Moderator

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Please note we have made a change on our numbering system to put in the year and the month of the meeting to make it easier to keep track of the articles and town meeting actions.

SECTION 1: FINANCIAL ACTIONS

ARTICLE 2007/10 -1-1 Prior Year Bills - Requires 9/10 Vote
Moved by William Bowler, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, duly seconded, that the Town transfer from available funds $5,082.50 to pay a bill incurred in a prior fiscal year.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: UNCLEAR

The Moderator called for another voice vote.

VOICE VOTE: **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**
Declared by the Moderator

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ARTICLE 2007/10-1-2 Dept. of Public Works Appropriation
Moved by Richard Low, Selectman, duly seconded, that the Town take NO ACTION on this Article.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: **MOTION PASSES to take NO ACTION**

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ARTICLE 2007/10-1-3 Dept. of Public Works Appropriation
NOTE: Per Procedural Motions, this Article will be taken up after Article 2007/10 -2-5.

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ARTICLE 2007/10-1-4 Stormwater Phase II Study
Moved by David Carey, Selectman and duly seconded, that the Town transfer from the Highland Street Bridge Project Account, Article 3-5 of FY 05, $20,000 to fund a Stormwater Phase II Study to comply with EPA requirements and deadlines.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: **MOTION PASSES**

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ARTICLE 2007/10-1-5 Dept. of Public Works Pick-up Trucks
Moved by Sandy Shaw, member of the Finance and Advisory Board, duly seconded, that the Town transfer from available funds $54,000 to purchase two pick-up trucks for the Department of Public Works.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: **UNCLEAR**

The Moderator asked the voters to hold up their voter cards.

CARD VOTE: **MOTION PASSES**
Declared by the Moderator

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ARTICLE 2007/10-1-6 Public Safety Building Appropriation
Moved by Arthur Oberheim, Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Board, duly seconded, that the Town take **NO ACTION** on this article.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY to take NO ACTION**
Declared by the Moderator

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ARTICLE 2007/10-1-7 Dept. of Public Works Holder Vehicle
Moved by Arthur Oberheim, Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Board, duly seconded, that the Town take **NO ACTION** on this article.

Mr. Oberheim states that the equipment was critical to clear the sidewalks, particularly for the children over the winter season. He further states that they found out this day that a grant applied for by Richard Flynn came through and the equipment will be paid for by the grant. Mr. Oberheim then thanks those who made this happen on behalf of the town, including Debra Mena, Christine Barry and the schools.

Bill Bowler then thanked Richard Flynn who worked for three years on this project before applying for this grant. Thank you, Dick.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY to take NO ACTION**
Declared by the Moderator

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ARTICLE 2007/10-1-8 Community Preservation Act Appropriation
Moved by David Carey, Selectman, duly seconded, that the Town appropriate $40,000 from the Community Preservation Fund balance to increase the appropriation of a previously approved historic preservation project to improve the heating system at the Town Hall.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: **MOTION PASSES by majority vote**
Declared by the Moderator

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SECTION 2: TOWN BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 2007/10-2-1 Stormwater Management By-Law
Moved by Marc Johnson, Chairman of the Planning Board, duly seconded, that the Town amend the General By-Laws by adding a new Chapter XXIX, entitled "Stormwater Management By-Law" by adopting the language set forth in **Appendix A** to the Warrant Book.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**
Declared by the Moderator

APPENDIX A

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
GENERAL BY-LAW
XXIX

1. PURPOSE AND INTENT:

The purpose and intent of this By-Law are to:

A. protect water resources
B. require practices that mitigate soil erosion and sedimentation and control the volume and rate of Stormwater runoff resulting from land disturbance activities;
C. promote infiltration and the recharge of groundwater;
D. ensure that soil erosion and sedimentation control measures and Stormwater runoff control practices are incorporated into the site planning and design process, and are implemented and maintained;
E. encourage the use of Low-Impact Development practices such as reducing impervious cover and the preservation of green space and other natural areas, to the maximum extent practicable;
F. comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to Stormwater discharges;
G. establish the Town of Hamilton as the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this By-Law through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement.

2. DEFINITIONS

ABUTTER: The owner(s) of land abutting the legal boundaries of the land on which the land-disturbing activity is proposed.
AGRICULTURE: The normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural or aquacultural use, as defined by the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40, and its implementing regulations.
APPLICANT: Any person, individual, partnership, association, firm, company, corporation, trust, authority, agency, department, or political subdivision, of the Commonwealth or the Federal government to the extent permitted by law requesting a Stormwater Management Permit for proposed land-disturbance activity.
AUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY: The Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and/or their respective employees or agents designated to enforce this By-Law.
BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP): An activity, procedure, restraint, or structural improvement that helps to reduce the quantity or improve the quality of Stormwater runoff.
CLEARING: Any activity that removes the vegetative surface cover.
DEVELOPMENT: The modification of land to accommodate a new use or expansion of use, usually involving construction.
EROSION: The wearing away of the land surface by natural or artificial forces such as wind, water, ice, gravity, or vehicle traffic and the subsequent detachment and transportation of soil particles.
GRADING: Changing the level or shape of the ground surface.
GRUBBING: The act of clearing land surface by digging up roots and stumps.
IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and roof tops.
LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITY: Any activity that causes a change in the position or location of soil, sand, rock, gravel, or similar earth material.
LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT: A set of strategies that seek to maintain natural systems during the development process. The idea is to create homes and businesses that are integrated into the landscape, not imposed on it. Natural areas and important features are protected, and Stormwater is managed with a distributed network of swales and rain gardens, rather than a centralized system of pipes and ponds.

MASSACHUSETTS STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY: The Policy issued by the Department of Environmental Protection, and as amended, that coordinates the requirements prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131 §40 and Massachusetts Clean Waters Act M.G.L. c. 21, §26-53. The Policy addresses Stormwater impacts through implementation of performance standards to reduce or prevent pollutants from reaching water bodies and control the quantity of runoff from a site.
MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) or municipal storm drain system: The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying Stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Hamilton.
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN: A plan setting up the functional, financial and organizational mechanisms for the ongoing operation and maintenance of a Stormwater management system to insure that it continues to function as designed.
OUTFALL: The point at which Stormwater flows out from a point source discernible, confined and discrete conveyance into waters of the Commonwealth.
OWNER: A person with a legal or equitable interest in property.
PERMIT AUTHORITY: The Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals, as outlined in Section 5.
PERSON: An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.
POINT SOURCE: Any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, or container from which pollutants are or may be discharged.
PRE-CONSTRUCTION: All activity in preparation for construction.
REDEVELOPMENT: Development, rehabilitation, expansion, demolition or phased projects that disturb the ground surface or increase the impervious area on previously developed sites.
RUNOFF: Rainfall, snowmelt, or irrigation water flowing over the ground surface.
SEDIMENT: Mineral or organic soil material that is transported by wind or water, from its origin to another location; the product of erosion processes.
SEDIMENTATION: The process or act of deposition of sediment.
SITE: Any lot or parcel of land or area of property where land-disturbing activities are, were, or will be performed.
SLOPE: The incline of a ground surface expressed as a ratio of horizontal distance to vertical distance.
SOIL: Any earth, sand, rock, gravel, or similar material.
STORMWATER: Stormwater runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN: A plan required as part of the application for a Stormwater Management Permit. See Section 6 and Planning Board Rules and Regulations. A document containing narrative, drawings and details developed by a qualified professional engineer (PE) or a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sedimentation Control (CPESC), which includes best management practices, or equivalent measures designed to control surface runoff, erosion and sedimentation during pre-construction and construction related land disturbance activities.
VERNAL POOLS: Temporary bodies of freshwater which provide critical habitat for a number of vertebrate and invertebrate wildlife species.

3. AUTHORITY

A. This By-Law is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule statutes, and pursuant to the regulations of the federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR §22.34

B. *Nothing in this By-Law is intended to replace the requirements of any other By-Law that has been made or may be adopted by the Town of Hamilton.*

4. APPLICABILITY

A. This By-Law shall apply to all activities that result in disturbance of one or more acres of land that drains to the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. A permit from the Permit Authority shall be required for any construction activity including clearing, grading and excavation, that results in a land disturbance that will disturb equal to or greater than one acre of land, or will disturb less than one acre of land but which is part of a larger common plan of development or sale which will ultimately disturb equal to or greater than one acre of land, draining to the Town's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.

B. Construction activities that are exempt are:

1. Normal maintenance and improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act regulations 310 CMR 10.04 and M.G.L. Chapter 40A, §3;
2. Maintenance of existing landscaping, gardens, or lawn areas associated with a single family dwelling provided such maintenance does not include the addition of more than 100 cubic yards of soil material, or alteration of drainage patterns;
3. The construction of fencing that will not substantially alter existing terrain or drainage patterns;
4. Normal maintenance of Town owned public land, ways, and appurtenances;
5. Repair or maintenance of an individual subsurface septic disposal system, and related elements such as pipes, etc., provided that the post-repair condition drainage is equal to the pre-repair condition.
6. Any work or projects for which all necessary approvals and permits have been issued before the effective date of this By-Law section.
7. Maintenance, reconstruction or resurfacing of any public or private way; and the installation of drainage structures or utilities within or associated with such ways that have been approved by the appropriate authorities provided that written notice be filed with the Planning Board fourteen (14) days prior to commencement of activity;

5. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION

A. For the purpose of this By-Law section, as noted in B below, the term Permit Authority shall indicate the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals, as appropriate. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Permit Authority may be delegated in writing by the Permit Authority to its employees or agents.

B. To the extent that the Zoning Board of Appeals is the Permit Authority under M.G.L. Chapter 40B and for certain activity, development, construction or reconstruction under the Zoning By-Law for which the Applicant must also seek a Stormwater Management Permit, then the Zoning Board of Appeals shall also be the Permit Authority in that instance.

C. For all other applications which fall under the purview of this By-Law, the Planning Board shall be the Permit Authority.

D. Applications, plans and accompanying data under this By-Law may be filed simultaneously with and may be incorporated into those plans and documents required in other permitting processes.

E. Planning Board Rules and Regulations. The Planning Board shall adopt, and may periodically amend Rules and Regulations to effectuate the purposes of this By-Law section. Failure by the Planning Board to promulgate such Rules and Regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this By-Law. The Rules and Regulations shall include but shall not be limited to: the size, quantity, and distribution of plans; filing fee; required details for Stormwater Management Plan; Operation and Maintenance Plan; and Inspection and Site Supervision, etc.

F. Stormwater Management Manual

1. The Permit Authority will utilize the policy, criteria and information including specifications and standards of the latest edition of the Massachusetts Stormwater Management Policy to execute the

provisions of this By-Law. This Policy includes a list of acceptable Stormwater treatment practices, including the specific design criteria for each. The Policy may be updated and expanded periodically, based on improvements in engineering, science, monitoring, and local maintenance experience. Unless specifically altered in the Regulations, Stormwater treatment practices that are designed, constructed, and maintained in accordance with these design and sizing criteria will be presumed to be protective of Massachusetts water quality standards.

2. Stormwater Credit System. The Permit Authority may adopt a Stormwater Credit System as part of the regulations authorized by this By-Law section. This credit system will allow applicants the option to use better site design practices to reduce some of the requirements specified in the criteria section of the Regulations. Failure of the Permit Authority to promulgate such a credit system through its Regulations or a legal declaration of its invalidity by a court shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this By-Law.

6. PERMITS AND PROCEDURES

A. Application.

A completed application for a Stormwater Management Permit (SMP) shall be filed with the Permit Authority. The Stormwater Management Permit Application package shall include:

1. a completed Application Form with original signatures of all owners;
2. a list of abutters, certified by the Assessors Office (abutters at their mailing addresses shown on the most recent applicable tax list of the assessors, including owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within 300 feet of the property line of the applicant, including any in another municipality or across a body of water);
3. Stormwater Management Plan and project description;
4. Operation and Maintenance Plan;
5. payment of the application and review fees;
6. one (1) complete copy filed with the Town Clerk, by the Applicant, which shall serve to establish the filing date.
7. A full electronic copy submitted by e-mail or on a CD.

See Stormwater Management Permit Rules and Regulations for additional filing requirements.

B. Entry.

1. Filing an application for a permit grants the Permit Authority or its agent, permission to enter the site to verify the information in the application and to inspect for compliance with permit conditions, after proper notification to the Applicant at least 24 hours in advance.

C. Public Hearing

1. If an application is filed concurrently for a Definitive Subdivision Plan approval, for a project under the Zoning By-Law, or for a 40B filing, the public hearing and decision requirements shall follow the requirements of the particular application.
2. To the extent possible, required hearings of the Permit Authority shall run concurrently with the Stormwater Management Permit hearing, and every effort shall be made to handle the permitting process expeditiously.
3. If an application is filed independently of other filings, the Permit Authority shall hold a public hearing within sixty (60) days of the receipt of a complete application and shall take final action within sixty (60) days from the time of the close of the hearing unless such time is extended by agreement between the applicant and the Permit Authority. Notice of the public hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper of local circulation, public posting, and by certified mail at the Applicant's expense to abutters at least fourteen (14) days prior to the hearing date. The Permit Authority shall make the application available for inspection by the public during business hours at the Hamilton Town Hall.

D. Information requests.
The applicant shall submit all additional information requested by the Permit Authority to issue a decision on the application.
E. Waivers
1. The Permit Authority may waive strict compliance with any requirement of this By-Law or the Rules and Regulations of the Planning Board, where
    a. Such action is allowed by federal, state and local statutes and/or regulations
    b. It is in the public interest
    c. It is not consistent with the purpose and intent of this By-Law.

2. Any Applicant may submit a written request to be granted such a waiver. Such a request shall be accompanied by an explanation or documentation supporting the waiver request and demonstrating that strict application of the By-Law does not further the purpose or objectives of this By-Law.
3. All waiver requests shall be discussed and voted on at the Public Hearing for the project.
4. If in the Permit Authority's opinion, additional time or information is required for review of a waiver request, the Permit Authority may continue the hearing to a date certain announced at the meeting. In the event the Applicant objects to a continuance, or fails to provide requested information, the waiver request shall be denied.

F. Actions by the Permit Authority may include:
1. Approve the Stormwater Management Permit Application and issue a permit if it finds that the proposed plan will protect water resources and meets the objectives and requirements of this By-Law;
2. Approve the Stormwater Management Permit Application and issue a permit with conditions, modifications or restrictions that the Permit Authority determines are required to ensure that the project will protect water resources and meets the objectives and requirements of this By-Law;
3. Disapprove the Stormwater Management Permit Application and deny the permit if it finds that the proposed plan will not protect water resources or fails to meet the objectives and requirements of this By-Law.

G. Failure of the Permit Authority to take final action.
Failure of the Permit Authority to take final action upon an Application within the time specified above shall be deemed to be approval of said Application. Upon certification by the Town Clerk that the allowed time has passed without the Permit Authority's action, the Stormwater Management Permit shall be issued by the Town Clerk.

H. Vote required. A simple majority of the Permit Authority shall be required in order to grant a Stormwater Management Permit.

I. The Permit Authority shall enforce all violations of the Stormwater Management Permit approval and conditions. See Section 12. below for enforcement of violations of this By-Law section which do not fall under a valid Stormwater Management Permit.

J. Appeals. A decision of the Permit Authority shall be final. Further relief of a decision by the Permit Authority made under this By-Law shall be reviewable in the Superior Court in an action filed within 60 days of filing a Decision with the Town Clerk, in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 249 §4.

7. FINAL REPORT
Upon completion of the work, the Applicant shall submit a report (including certified as-built construction plans, as outlined in Subdivision Regulations, Section IV.B.8.a), from a Registered Professional Engineer

(P.E.), certifying that all erosion and sediment control devices, and approved changes and modifications, have been completed in accordance with the conditions of the approved permit. Any discrepancies should be noted in the cover letter.

8. CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

The Permit Authority will issue a letter certifying completion upon receipt and approval of the Final Report and/or upon otherwise determining that all work of the permit has been satisfactorily completed in conformance with this By-Law.

9. EMPLOYMENT OF OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS

The Permit Authority may employ outside consultants, at the Applicant's expense, under the terms of M.G.L. Ch. 44 §53G, the Zoning By-Law, and Planning Board Rules and Regulations, to assist in its permit decision, including but not limited to plan review, drainage and Stormwater analysis; to determine conformance with this By-Law section and other requirements; and for construction inspection, etc.

10. PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE

A. The Permit Authority may require the Applicant to post, before the start of land disturbance activity, a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, cash, or other acceptable security as performance guarantee, to be in an amount deemed sufficient by the Permit Authority to ensure that the work will be completed in accordance with the permit. If the project is phased, the Permit Authority may release part of the bond as each phase is completed in compliance with the permit but the bond may not be fully released until the Permit Authority has received the Final Report as required by Section 7 of this By-Law and issued a Certificate of Completion.

B. The Planning Board Rules and Regulations shall establish reasonable criteria for assessing the Performance Guarantee.

11. DURATION OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT

A Stormwater Management Permit is granted for a period of three years from the date of its approval and shall lapse if substantial use or construction has not commenced by such date, except for good cause as shown.

12. ENFORCEMENT of VIOLATIONS Which do not Fall under a Stormwater Management Permit

A. In any instance where a SWM Permit has not been applied for or granted, a disturbance of earth equal to or greater than one acre of land shall constitute a violation of this By-Law section. The Planning Board, or an authorized agent of the Planning Board, shall enforce this By-Law, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

B. Orders

1. The Planning Board or an authorized agent of the Planning Board may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this By-Law or the regulations thereunder, which may include:
   (a) a requirement to cease and desist from the land-disturbing activity until there is compliance with the By-Law and provisions of the land-disturbance permit;
   (b) maintenance, installation or performance of additional erosion and sediment control measures;
   (c) monitoring, analyses, and reporting
   (d) remediation of erosion and sedimentation resulting directly or indirectly from the land-disturbing activity.
2. If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of erosion and

sedimentation is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the Town may, at its option, undertake such work, and the property owner shall reimburse the Town expenses.

3. Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner shall be notified of the costs incurred by the Town of Hamilton, including administrative costs. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Planning Board within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Planning Board affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate, as provided in M.G.L. Ch. 59, §57, after the thirty-first day following the day on which the costs were due.

C. Criminal Penalties. Any person who violates any provision of this By-Law, regulation, or permit issued hereunder, shall be subject to fines, civil action, criminal prosecution, and tax liens, as appropriate and as lawfully established by the Town of Hamilton.

D. Non-Criminal Disposition. As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in M.G.L. Ch. 40 §21D and General By-Law Chapter XIII, *Penalties for Violation* in which case the Planning Board shall be the enforcing person. The penalty for the 1st violation shall be $100.00. The penalty for the 2nd violation shall be $200.00. The penalty for the 3rd and subsequent violations shall be $300.00. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

E. Appeals. The decisions or orders of the Planning Board shall be final. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

F. Remedies Not Exclusive. The remedies listed in this By-Law are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

13. SEVERABILITY

If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of this By-Law shall be held invalid for any reason, all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

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ARTICLE 2007/10 -2-2 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination By-Law

Moved by William Bowler, Chairman of Board of Selectmen, duly seconded that the Town amend the General By-Laws by adding a new Chapter XXX, entitled "Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination By-Law" by adopting the language set forth in **Appendix B** to the Warrant Book.

The Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

APPENDIX B
ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION BY-LAW
GENERAL BY-LAW XXX

1. PURPOSE

Regulation of illicit connections and discharges to the municipal storm drain system is necessary for the protection of the town's water bodies and groundwater, and to safeguard the public health, safety, welfare and the environment. The objectives of this By-Law are:

1. to prevent Pollutants from entering the town's municipal separate storm drain system (MS4);
2. to prohibit illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the MS4;
3. to require the removal of all such illicit connections;
4. to comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to Stormwater discharges; and
5. to establish the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this By-Law through inspection, monitoring, and enforcement.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this By-Law, the following shall mean:

AUTHORIZED ENFORCEMENT AGENCY: The Board of Selectmen, as the Board of Public Works, with the Director of Public Works as its Designated Agent.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE (BMP): An activity, procedure, restraint, or structural improvement that helps to reduce the quantity or improve the quality of Stormwater runoff.

CLEAN WATER ACT: The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.) as hereafter amended.

DISCHARGE OF POLLUTANTS: The addition from any source of any Pollutant or combination of Pollutants into the municipal storm drain system or into the waters of the United States or Commonwealth from any source.

GROUNDWATER: Water beneath the surface of the ground.

ILLICIT CONNECTION: A surface or subsurface drain or conveyance, which allows an illicit discharge into the municipal storm drain system, including without limitation sewage, process wastewater, or wash water and any connections from indoor drains, sinks, or toilets, regardless of whether said connection was previously allowed, permitted, or approved before the effective date of this By-Law.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE: Direct or indirect discharge to the municipal storm drain system that is not composed entirely of Stormwater, except as exempted in Section 8. The term does not include a discharge in compliance with an NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, or resulting from fire fighting activities exempted pursuant to Section 8, of this By-Law.

IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: Any material or structure on or above the ground that prevents water infiltrating the underlying soil. Impervious surface includes without limitation roads, paved parking lots, sidewalks, and rooftops.

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM DRAIN SYSTEM (MS4) or MUNICIPAL STORM SEWER SYSTEM: The system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying Stormwater, including any road with a drainage system, street, gutter, curb, inlet, piped storm drain, pumping facility, retention or detention basin, natural or man-made or altered drainage channel, reservoir, and other drainage structure that together comprise the storm drainage system owned or operated by the Town of Hamilton.

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) STORM WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT: A permit issued by United States Environmental Protection Agency or jointly with the State that authorizes the discharge of Pollutants to waters of the United States.

NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGE: Discharge to the municipal storm drain system not composed entirely of Stormwater.

PERSON: An individual, partnership, association, firm, company, trust, corporation, agency, authority, department or political subdivision of the Commonwealth or the federal government, to the extent permitted by law, and any officer, employee, or agent of such person.

POLLUTANT: Any element or property of sewage, agricultural, industrial or commercial waste, runoff, leachate, heated effluent, or other matter whether originating at a point or nonpoint source, that is or may be introduced into any sewage treatment works or waters of the Commonwealth.

Pollutants shall include without limitation:

1. paints, varnishes, and solvents;
2. oil and other automotive fluids;
3. non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes;

4. refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, ordnances, and accumulations;
5. pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers;
6. hazardous materials and wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens;
7. dissolved and particulate metals;
8. animal wastes;
9. rock, sand, salt, soils;
10. construction wastes and residues; and
11. noxious or offensive matter of any kind.

PROCESS WASTEWATER: Water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any material, intermediate product, finished product, or waste product.

RECHARGE: The process by which groundwater is replenished by precipitation through the percolation of runoff and surface water through the soil.

STORMWATER: Storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface water runoff and drainage.

SURFACE WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT: A permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pursuant to 314 CMR 3.00 that authorizes the discharge of Pollutants to waters of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TOXIC OR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL or WASTE: Any material, which because of its quantity, concentration, chemical, corrosive, flammable, reactive, toxic, infectious or radioactive characteristics, either separately or in combination with any substance or substances, constitutes a present or potential threat to human health, safety, welfare, or to the environment. Toxic or hazardous materials include any synthetic organic chemical, petroleum product, heavy metal, radioactive or infectious waste, acid and alkali, and any substance defined as Toxic or Hazardous under M.G.L. Ch. 21C and Ch. 21E, and the regulations at 310 CMR 30.000 and 310 CMR 40.0000.

WATERCOURSE: A natural or man-made channel through which water flows or a stream of water, including a river, brook or underground stream.

WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH: All waters within the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth, including, without limitation, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, springs, impoundments, estuaries, wetlands, costal waters, and groundwater.

WASTEWATER: Any sanitary waste, sludge, or septic tank or cesspool overflow, and water that during manufacturing, cleaning or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct or waste product.

3. APPLICABILITY

This By-Law shall apply to flows entering the municipally owned storm drainage system.

4. AUTHORITY

A. This By-Law is adopted under the authority granted by the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule Procedures Act, and pursuant to the regulations of the federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR §122.34 and the Phase II ruling from the Environmental Protection Agency found in the December 8, 1999 Federal Register.

B. Nothing in this By-Law is intended to replace the requirements or authority of any other By-Law, state, federal, or superseding authority.

5. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Selectmen shall administer, implement and enforce this By-Law. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Board of Selectmen may be delegated in writing by the Board of Selectmen to the Designated Agent or to another authorized agent.

6. REGULATIONS

The Board of Selectmen may promulgate Rules and Regulations to effectuate the purposes of this By-Law. Failure by the Board to promulgate such Rules and Regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this By-Law.

7. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

A. Illicit Discharges. No person shall dump, discharge, cause or allow to be discharged any Pollutant or non-Stormwater discharge into the municipal separate storm drain system (MS4), into a watercourse, or into the waters of the Commonwealth.

B. Illicit Connections. No person shall construct, use, allow, maintain or continue any illicit connection to the municipal storm drain system, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under applicable law, regulation or custom at the time of connection.

C. Obstruction of Municipal Storm Drain System. No person shall obstruct or interfere with the normal flow of Stormwater into or out of the municipal storm drain system without prior written approval from the Designated Agent.

8. EXEMPTIONS

A. Discharge or flow resulting from fire fighting activities.

B. The following non-Stormwater discharges or flows are exempt from the prohibition of non-stormwaters provided that the source is not a significant contributor of a Pollutant to the municipal storm drain system:

1. Waterline flushing;
2. Flow from potable water sources;
3. Springs;
4. Natural flow from riparian habitats and wetlands;
5. Diverted stream flow;
6. Rising groundwater;
7. Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration as defined in 40 CFR 35.2005(20), or uncontaminated pumped groundwater;
8. Water from exterior foundation drains, footing drains (not including active groundwater dewatering systems), crawl space pumps, or air conditioning condensation;
9. Discharge from landscape irrigation or lawn watering;
10. Water from individual residential car washing;
11. Discharge from dechlorinated swimming pool water (less than one ppm chlorine), provided the water is allowed to stand for one week prior to draining and the pool is drained in such a way as not to cause a nuisance;
12. Plowing, sanding, and salting, and other measures during snow and ice conditions;
13. Discharge from street sweeping;
14. Dye testing, provided verbal notification is given to the Designated Agent at least 7 days prior to the time of the test;
15. Non-Stormwater discharge permitted under an NPDES permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, waiver, or waste discharge order administered under the authority of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the Department of Environmental Protection, provided that the discharge is in full compliance with the requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and applicable laws and regulations; and
16. Discharge for which advanced written approval is received from the Designated Agent as necessary to protect public health, safety, welfare or the environment.
17. Discharge or flow that results from exigent conditions and occurs during a State of Emergency declared by any agency of the federal or state government, or by the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen or the Board of Health.

9. EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM ACCESS

The Designated Agent may suspend municipal storm drain system access to any person or property without prior written notice when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened discharge of Pollutants that presents imminent risk of harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment. In the event any person fails to comply with an emergency suspension order, the Authorized Enforcement Agency may take all reasonable steps to prevent or minimize harm to the public health, safety, welfare or the environment.

10. NOTIFICATION OF SPILLS

A. Notwithstanding other requirements of local, state or federal law, as soon as a person responsible for a facility or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility or operation has information of or suspects a release of materials at that facility or operation resulting in or which may result in discharge of Pollutants to the municipal drainage system or waters of the Commonwealth, the person shall take all necessary steps to ensure containment, and cleanup of the release.

B. In the event of a release of oil or hazardous materials, the person shall immediately notify the municipal Fire and Police Departments and the Designated Agent. In the event of a release of non-hazardous material, the reporting

person shall notify the Designated Agent no later than the next business day. The reporting person shall provide to the Designated Agent written confirmation of all telephone, facsimile or in-person notifications within three business days thereafter.

C. If the discharge of prohibited materials is from a commercial or industrial facility, the facility owner or operator of the facility shall retain on-site a written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years.

11. ENFORCEMENT

A. The Board of Selectmen shall enforce this By-Law, regulations, orders, violation notices, and enforcement orders, and may pursue all civil and criminal remedies for such violations.

B. Civil Relief. If a person violates the provisions of this By-Law, regulations, permit, notice, or order issued thereunder, the Board of Selectmen may seek injunctive relief in a court of competent jurisdiction restraining the person from activities which would create further violations or compelling the person to perform abatement or remediation of the violation.

C. Orders. The Board of Selectmen may issue a written order to enforce the provisions of this By-Law or the regulations thereunder, which may include: (a) elimination of illicit connections or discharges to the MS4; (b) performance of monitoring, analyses, and reporting; (c) that unlawful discharges, practices, or operations shall cease and desist; and (d) remediation of contamination in connection therewith.

D. If the enforcing person determines that abatement or remediation of contamination is required, the order shall set forth a deadline by which such abatement or remediation must be completed. Said order shall further advise that, should the violator or property owner fail to abate or perform remediation within the specified deadline, the town may, at its option, undertake such work, and expenses thereof shall be charged to the violator.

E. Within thirty (30) days after completing all measures necessary to abate the violation or to perform remediation, the violator and the property owner will be notified of the costs incurred by the Town, including administrative costs. The violator or property owner may file a written protest objecting to the amount or basis of costs with the Board of Selectmen within thirty (30) days of receipt of the notification of the costs incurred. If the amount due is not received by the expiration of the time in which to file a protest or within thirty (30) days following a decision of the Board of Selectmen, affirming or reducing the costs, or from a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the costs shall become a special assessment against the property owner and shall constitute a lien on the owner's property for the amount of said costs. Interest shall begin to accrue on any unpaid costs at the statutory rate provided in M.G.L. Ch. 59 §57 after the thirty-first day at which the costs first become due.

F. Criminal Penalties. Any person who violates any provision of this By-Law, regulation, or permit issued hereunder, shall be subject to fines, civil action, criminal prosecution, and tax liens, as appropriate and as lawfully established by the Town of Hamilton.

G. Non-Criminal Disposition. As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the Town of Hamilton may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in M. G.L. Ch. 40 §21D and General By-Law Chapter XIII, in which case the Board of Selectmen shall be the enforcing person. The penalty for each violation shall be $100.00 for the first offense, $200.00 for the second violation, and $300.00 for the third violation. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense.

H. Entry to Perform Duties Under this By-Law. To the extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Board of Selectmen may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under this By-Law and regulations and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys or sampling as the Board of Selectmen deems reasonably necessary.

I. Appeals. The decisions or orders of the Board of Selectmen shall be final. Further relief shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

J. Remedies Not Exclusive, The remedies listed in this By-Law are not exclusive of any other remedies available under any applicable federal, state or local law.

SECTION 12. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this By-Law are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision, paragraph, sentence, or clause, of this By-Law or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or application of this By-Law.

SECTION 13. TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Property owners shall have 90 days from the effective date of the By-Law to comply with its provisions or petition the Board of Selectmen for an extension provided good cause is shown for the failure to comply with the By-Law during the specified period.

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ARTICLE 2007/10 -2-3 Disposal of Refuse and Garbage By-Law
Moved by Gretel Clark, member of the Recycling Committee, duly seconded, that the Town amend the General By-Law XIV, "Disposal of Refuse and Garbage" to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a charge for municipal rubbish collection, disposal services and recycling, which may include but not be limited to a Pay As You Throw Program, by adopting the language **(PAYT)** set forth in Section 5 of **Appendix C** to the Warrant Book as a new Section 5 to Chapter XIV of the General By-Laws, and that the Town accept the provisions of G.L. c. 44, § 53F ½ to establish refuse and garbage collection charges as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year '08.

The Moderator recognized Gretel Clark.

Gretel Clark presented a power point presentation to the audience and showed that this motion enables the Selectmen to 1) To finalize and set fees for a Waste Reduction Program, 2) to establish an Enterprise Fund and 3) to change/adjust to the trends in waste management without need for new town vote.

The Board of Selectmen and the Finance and Advisory Committee recommend favorable action.

The Moderator recognized Timothy Maciejowski of 17 Sharon Road. Mr. Maciejowski believes this to be an admirable article and that recycling should be encouraged. He would like to amend the language in **Appendix C** the Proposed Language, Section 5 to strike the words in the first sentence (and recycling) and in the following sentence (and/or recycling).

The Moderator clarified the motion to amend the major motion.

Moved by Timothy Maciejowski, duly seconded, that in **Appendix C** of the Warrant Book under Proposed Language, Section 5, that the language (and recycling) of the first sentence be deleted so that the first section will read: The Board of Selectmen may establish a charge for municipal rubbish collection and disposal services, ~~and recycling~~ in the Town of Hamilton. The second part of the motion to amend will be to delete the words (and/or recycling) at the end of the second sentence, so that the second section will read: Such charge shall be limited to the costs associated with such collection, services ~~and/or recycling~~. The rest of the section will remain unchanged.

The Moderator called for the vote to amend the major motion.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES TO AMEND UNANIMOUSLY

The Moderator called for the vote of the main motion as amended under Section 5.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES as amended
Declared by the Moderator

APPENDIX C
CHAPTER XIV
DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AND GARBAGE

EXISTING LANGUAGE:

Section 4. The following materials are prohibited from collection at street side by the town's regular refuse collection contractor.

- Leaves, yard waste, branches, tree limbs, shrubs, or tree stumps of any kind or other quantities of organic waste.
- Recyclables, which are defined as: newspapers, magazines, phone books, clear and colored glass bottles, aluminum or metal cans, and plastics codes 1 and 2, clear and colored.
- Toxic materials, tires, car batteries, oil, oil base paints or other hazardous wastes.
- White goods/appliances, heavy metal items.
- Construction or demolition materials.
- Large quantities of commercially originated food, food products, or other organic or liquid wastes.

Section 5. The Board shall establish rules and regulations as from time to time are necessary to insure that recycling of specific waste materials is encouraged throughout the town, and shall procure the services of a recycling contractor to collect recyclable products (as defined in Section 4). One recycling container will be supplied at no cost to all residents in town, and will be used for the purpose of curbside recycling.

PROPOSED LANGUAGE

Section 4. A listing of materials prohibited from collection at street side by the town's regular refuse collection contractor may be obtained from the Town Website or the Department of Public Works.

Section 5. The Board of Selectmen may establish a charge for municipal rubbish collection, and disposal services ~~and recycling~~ in the Town of Hamilton. Such charge shall be limited to the costs associated with such collection, services ~~and/or recycling~~. The Board of Selectmen may amend said charge from time to time in order to recover the cost of providing for some or all of the costs for disposal or collection of municipal rubbish.

AS AMENDED

Section 5. The Board of Selectmen may establish a charge for municipal rubbish collection, and disposal services in the Town of Hamilton. Such charge shall be limited to the costs associated with such collection, services. The Board of Selectmen may amend said charge from time to time in order to recover the cost of providing for some or all of the costs for disposal or collection of municipal rubbish.

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ARTICLE 2007/10 -2-4 Disposal of Refuse and Garbage By-Law

Moved by William Bowler, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, duly seconded that the Town amend the General By-Law Chapter XIV, "Disposal of Refuse and Garbage" by deleting existing Section 4 and replacing it with a new Section 4 by adopting the **(Prohibited Materials)** language set forth in **Appendix C** to the Warrant Book.

After a brief explanation, the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

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ARTICLE 2007/10 -2-5 Winter Parking Ban By-Law
Moved by Walter Cullen, Police Chief, duly seconded that the Town amend the General By-Law, Ch. X, "Ways," Sec. 9, to regulate the parking of motor vehicles on public ways during the winter months by replacing the current language with the proposed language set forth in **Appendix D** to the Warrant Book.

After a brief explanation by Chief Cullen, the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
Declared by the Moderator

APPENDIX D
WINTER PARKING BY-LAW
CHAPTER X

WAYS

Current Language:
SECTION 9. The parking of any vehicle on any public way between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM during the period from December 1st until April 1st of any year is prohibited and shall be punishable by a fine of Twenty Dollars ($20.00). The parking of any vehicle on Town property at Depot Square on the west side of the railroad tracks for more than two (2) hours between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. is prohibited and shall be punished by a fine of fifteen dollars ($15.00).

Proposed Language:
The Chief of Police, in consultation with the Director of Public Works, shall have the authority to declare a winter storm-parking ban on all public ways. The public will be notified of a winter storm parking ban by notices carried on the local access cable TV station, local radio station and by flashing lights and signage that will be activated in advance of predicted storms at locations determined by the Chief of Police and the Director of Public Works. Parking on streets during the parking ban is prohibited, and shall be punishable by a fine of $20.00, and any vehicle so parked may be subject to towing at the expense of the owner.

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ARTICLE 2007/10 -1-3 Dept. of Public Works Appropriation
Moved by Walter Cullen, Police Chief, duly seconded that the Town transfer from available funds $2,000 to pay for the Highway/DPW Departmental budget to cover the costs of purchasing signs and lights to signal emergency parking bans.

After a brief explanation, the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

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ARTICLE 2007/10 -2-6 Dog Licensure Fees
Moved by Jane Wetson, Town Clerk, duly seconded that the Town amend the General By-Law, Chapter XVIII, "Dog By-Law" by amending Section 4 to increase the fees for the issuance of licenses for dogs by adopting the fees set forth in **Appendix E** to the Warrant Book.

After a brief explanation by Jane Wetson, the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES

EXISTING LANGUAGE:
Notwithstanding the provision of Section 139 of said Chapter 140 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the annual fees to be charged by the Town of Hamilton for the issuance of licenses for dogs shall be:

Males and Females	**Ten Dollars**
Neutered Males and Spayed Females	**Ten Dollars**

For kennels, if not more than four dogs are kept in said kennel, Fifty Dollars; if more than four but not more than ten dogs are kept in said kennel, One Hundred Dollars; and if more than ten dogs are kept in said kennel, One Hundred Fifty Dollars, said kennels to require Special Permit as per the Hamilton Zoning By-laws, Section V.A. 11d.

For Previously licensed dogs, the Town will charge a late fee, in addition to the license fee, as follows:

On or after June 1, a late fee of $10	**Total Due = $20**
On or after June 16, a late fee of $25	**Total Due = $35**
On or after August 1, a late fee of $50	**Total Due = $60**

The owner, or keeper, of a dog registered in Hamilton shall cause it to wear around its neck or body, a collar or harness to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form as prescribed by the Town Clerk and available at the Town Clerk' Office.

APPENDIX E
CHAPTER XVIII - DOG BY-LAW

Amend the By-Law to read as follows:
SECTION 4.
Notwithstanding the provision of Section 139 of said Chapter 140 or any other provision of law to the contrary, the annual fees to be charged by the Town of Hamilton for the issuance of licenses for dogs shall be:

Males and Females	Fifteen Dollars
Neutered Males and Spayed Females	Fifteen Dollars
All Dogs Whose Registered Owners are Older Than 60 as of January 1 of the Year of Licensure	Ten Dollars
All Dogs Whose Registered Owners are Older than 70 as of January 1 of the Year of Licensure	No Fee

For kennels, if not more than four dogs are kept in said kennel, Fifty Dollars; if more than four but not more than ten dogs are kept in said kennel, One Hundred Dollars; and if more than ten dogs are kept in said kennel, One Hundred Fifty Dollars, said kennels to require Special Permit as per the Hamilton Zoning By-Laws, Section V.A. 11d.
For Previously licensed dogs, the Town will charge a late fee, in addition to the license fee, as follows:

On or after June 1, a late fee of $10	Total Due = $25, per dog
On or after June 16, a late fee of $25	Total Due = $40, per dog
On or after August 1, a late fee of $50	Total Due = $65, per dog

The owner, or keeper, of a dog registered in Hamilton shall cause it to wear around its neck or body, a collar or harness to which shall be securely attached a tag in a form as prescribed by the Town Clerk and available at the Town Clerk' Office.

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ARTICLE 2007/10 -2-7 Schedule of Fees

Moved by Jane Wetson, Town Clerk, duly seconded that the Town amend the General By-Law, Chapter XXI, "Schedule of Fees" to increase certain fees by adopting the fees set forth in **Appendix F** to the Warrant Book.

After a brief explanation by Jane Wetson, the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES
Declared by the Moderator

EXISTING LANGUAGE:

For furnishing certificate of a birth	**$8.00**
For furnishing a certificate of death	**$8.00**
For issuing a certificate of marriage	**$8.00**

APPENDIX F
CHAPTER XXI - SCHEDULE OF FEES

Amend fees as follows:

For furnishing certificate of a birth	$10.00
For furnishing a certificate of death	$10.00
For issuing a certificate of marriage	$10.00

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ARTICLE 2007/10 -3-1 Free Cash Application

Moved by Arthur Oberheim, Chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee, duly seconded, that the Town take **NO ACTION** on this Article.

After a brief explanation by Arthur Oberheim, the Moderator called for the vote.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION PASSES to take NO ACTION

The Moderator declared the meeting closed at 9:02 pm.

A TRUE COPY: ATTEST:

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Jane M. Wetson, Town Clerk